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### DEDICATORY NOTE

For many years the writer has ardently desired that the English reader should have the Holy Scriptures in a form more attractive than that of any of the current versions. A presentation of the Scriptures at once faithful and readable—the pure word of God in pure English—he believes to be one of the great religious needs of the nation in the present day.

This need, it appears to him, can be best supplied by an adequate correction of the worthily venerated Authorised Version, a correction which should include:—

- (1) The removal of the many admitted defects of that Version as a representation of the Sacred Text, in the knowledge and interpretation of which so great an advance has been made during the last three hundred years.
- (2) A revision of the English which shall give the present-day reader a freer access to the meaning, and a higher appreciation of the literary quality of the original.

Feeling with many others that what is known as the Revised Version has proved to a great extent a failure in the latter respect, the writer, in the year 1901, urged upon the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society the desirability of bringing out, in 1904, a new revision of the English Bible as a memorial of the Society's Centenary.

But difficulties stood in the way of the acceptance of this proposal.

The writer, therefore commenced the work independently, and by the realous co-operation of a number of Biblical scholars and experts in English, he has been enabled to bring out this Version of the New Testament as an illustration of the kind of revision he thinks desirable, and as one of the thank-offerings made in celebration of the first hundred years' work of a Society with which it has been his privilege to have been associated for more than half a century.

It is his earnest hope that this attempt to show the possibility of popularising without demeaning the Sacred Scriptures, and of correcting without defacing the Version so worthily beloved, will meet with such acceptance that the Society may yet be induced to take up the work.

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### **PREFACE**

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I HAVE been invited to write a short Preface to "The Corrected English New Testament."

Some few months ago I was favoured with a sight of the work in its then stage. To contribute anything worth calling collaboration was altogether out of my power in a life already occupied to the full. But I was able to examine the work and to inform myself on its main principles in a way which won for it my strong interest, and, upon the whole, my deliberate concurrence with its idea and programme.

I say "upon the whole," for it is inevitable, in a literary matter of this importance, that there should emerge differences of judgment in detail. The very grave and important question of the Text adopted is, for me, one of these. I value—and constantly use—Dr. Nestle's Greek Testament. But I confess to a great reluctance to admit all the main conclusions which Dr. Nestle records, for example, upon the closing verses of St. Mark. Again, some of the deliberately

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Introduction, pp. xx. and xxi.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See footnotes at the end of that Gospel,

adopted methods of the present Translation do not command my full assent.

Here and there, to my mind, the transposition of words and phrases. with a view to a result in the English more harmonious to the general reader, has been carried too far. And I cannot but think that it would have been better to follow both the Authorized and the Revised Versions in declining to use a capital letter (He. His, instead of he, his) with the pronouns referring to the Divine Being, simply because in some places this must involve interpretation rather than translation. (The Translators carefully explain their principle in using a capital with pronouns referring to the Divine Father and not with those referring to our Lord Jesus Christ.2 and have made their orthodoxy unquestionable. But this is by the way.)

When I have stated these drawbacks, however, I am the freer to express my great satisfaction with the work, taken as a whole. I regard it as a very important and faithful contribution to the great and necessarily gradual work of providing an ultimate ideal English Bible.

The Translators have put before themselves what seems to me a felicitous aim

The Revised Version, quite invaluable for purposes of verbal study, is always present to them as a caution and stimulus in the way of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Introduction, p. xv. <sup>2</sup> See Introduction, p. xvii.

accuracy. It has inspired them with a large and abiding consciousness that one *sine qua non* for good translation is the grammatical precision which is expressed in good construing.

On the other hand, they are never forgetful that to CONSTRUE is not necessarily to TRANSLATE. It is only too possible so to word the results of grammatical precision as to produce a sentence which, by a certain cumbrousness and angularity, does not truly express the whole form and substance of the original.

Therefore, as it seems to me, the Translators, in this work, have had before them, as their basis, rather the Authorized Version than the Revised, and have aimed to preserve to the utmost the noble general form of the older Version, while not less anxious than the great scholars of the Revision to produce a result that should be not only accurate, but, to the common mind, intelligible.

It is not altogether easy for me, a Bishop of Durham, to write any sort of criticism of that memorable Version—the Revised—in which my two eminently great immediate predecessors had so extremely important a part. But they would have been the first to wish every student to express an opinion absolutely free, so that it were not hasty. And I feel compelled, after years of use of the Revised Version of the New Testament, to own to the conviction that while

it is beyond all praise as an aid to study, it seriously lacks that English felicity, if I may use the phrase, which should entitle it to take the place of the Authorized Version in our national heart.

That defect, in countless instances, the present Version appears to me to remedy, while its authors have also brought to bear on their work the unquestionably maturer knowledge of Greek which has accrued since the early seventeenth century, and of which the Revised Version is so fine a monument.

It is with a deliberate and thankful Godspeed accordingly that I see "The Corrected English New Testament" set out upon its way to carry to English readers a reverently amended presentation of that sacred Greek which gives us, in the noble phrase of Gregory the Great, Cor Dei in verbis Dei, "God's heart in God's words."

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## INTRODUCTION

That the "Authorised" Version, with all the great qualities which have endeared it to the English people, is not in these days an adequate representation of the Greek Testament, will hardly be disputed. Besides the changes that have taken place in the last three hundred years in our own language, we have to consider the vastly larger knowledge we now have of the actual text of the sacred writers. We must bear in mind, too, that, great as are the merits of the "Authorised" Version, its English is not faultless; while its diction, to the modern reader, is in many places obscure.

### REASONS FOR THIS WORK.

Such considerations led to the work known as the "Revised Version" of the Bible. The New Testament portion, which had engaged the attention of the greatest Biblical scholars of the time, appeared in 1881. The care and labour bestowed upon this revision are indisputable. Yet it is generally acknowledged that the result is disappointing. The Revisers were undoubtedly strong in Greek. But their revision, while it gives abundant evidence of a scholarly and conscientious study of the original, cannot be accepted as conformed to the standards of the purest English.

The present work is the result of an endeavour to supply what is wanted; that is, a version of the New Testament which, while being faithful as a translation, shall present the words of Evangelists and Apostles in English as pure and karmonious as may be attained. To perfect so large a project is almost beyond hope; but those who have co-operated in this work trust that the result of their efforts will at least advance the cause they have at heart.

#### THE AUTHORISED VERSION THE MODEL

It was the great desire of the General Editor and his colleagues to depart no farther from the language of the "Authorised" Version than was absolutely necessary for carrying out the plan of the work. They shared the general feeling of their countrymen that, for the elevated but simple diction in which alone such lofty themes can be worthily treated, no better model is to be found than the Bible of their fathers. They strove, therefore, reverently to adapt, rather than rashly to supersede, its language.

But, as other Revisers have found, the progress made since 1611 in the ascertainment of the Greek text has rendered it necessary in many cases to recast, and in some to abandon, favourite passages and familiar phrases; while consistency in the revision of the English has involved other alterations in wording or in the order of the words.

All these changes have been made with reluctance, and only after full consideration. It is hoped that none of them will be hastily condemned, and that ultimately most, if not all, of them will justify themselves to the reader by their faithfulness to the truth and the new and clearer light they throw upon it.

### NEW FEATURES.

A feature of this work is the large number of transpositions of words and phrases. In a language like the English, almost without inflections, clearness must largely depend upon the correct placing of words and phrases, Both the "Authorised" and the Revised Versions leave much to be desired in this respect. In the preparation of this Version, transposition has been found most useful in enabling the Greek to be followed more closely than would otherwise have been possible; and has thus made almost unnecessary such devices as the insertion of additional words in italics.

In a few places, owing to the ambiguity of the pronoun in English, a noun has been substituted, but only where the noun used is undoubtedly implied in the Greek. It has not been thought necessary in such cases, or in those in which an English idiom is rightfully substituted for a Greek, to use italics. These have been used only where a sentence could not be completed without inserting words which have no equivalent expressed or, with absolute certainty, implied in the Greek.

### THE TRANSLATORS' AIM.

"The Corrected English New Testament" is, in the main, a close textual translation. Faithfulness to the original has been kept in mind equally with the desire to make the work essentially English.

This Revision was undertaken in the belief that it is possible, without the least sacrifice of accuracy, to render into English the original of the New Testament in a way that shall be, to the masses of the people, both readable and everywhere intelligible. How near this Version approaches to that ideal must be left to the judgment of the reader.

Recourse has been had most sparingly to paraphrasing, and only where it was impossible otherwise to convey an intelligible statement. The documentary character of the New Testament writings forbids the freedom of translation which is legitimate in dealing with other works, and constant regard has been had to this consideration. But it is also due to the reader that he should find in God's word, as far as the skill of the translators may assist him in doing so, what he can in some measure understand.

### VERBAL AND OTHER EXPEDIENTS.

It has been thought desirable to give the reader such assistance as in modern literary usage is afforded by the use of capitals and other orthographical expedients. The translators have, to the best of their ability, distinguished between "the heavens" (sky, firmament), and "heaven" (the centre of God's glory): "temple" always stands for ispor (including the outer courts), while "sanctuary" represents ναὸς (the shrine, the Holy Place and Holy of Holies): for "lawyer" (misleading, as suggesting one who practises law), is given "teacher of the law"; for "penny," "shilling" (as being nearer the real value, though only an approximation); "people" means (as a rule) "the chosen people (Israel)"; "populace" (in Acts), stands for the Greek demos: "Hades" is the unseen world of spirits; "the servant" of the New Testament

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was (as a rule) a "slave." The "scribe," in New Testament times, was not, as etymology would suggest, a "writer," but rather a Bible-scholar; the term, however, has been retained, as none more apt appeared to be available. The term "chief priests" being now generally regarded by scholars as inaccurate, "high priest" has been substituted for it.

The word "worship" has been retained wherever it appears in the A. V. The Greek word, as the American Revisers explain, denotes an act of reverence whether paid to man or to God; but "worship" (in derivation akin to "worth") also has this alternative significance. The translators, therefore, considered it the most suitable, its particular application, as determined by the context, being a matter for the commentator.

# USE OF CAPITALS.

As regards the spelling of pronouns, it seemed convenient to reserve the initial capital for pronouns referring to our Heavenly Father. Without such distinction many passages (e. g. in a Cor. xv. and in the First Epistle of John) would be less clear to the English reader. A careful perusal of this Version will show that the distinction is made solely for textual elucidation, and is not intended to prejudice any theological doctrine deduced from the New Testament.

The use of capitals has enabled another distinction to be made clear—namely, that between "the Law," the Sacred Law of Israel, and "law" in an ordinary or in an abstract sense. This distinction will be found especially useful in some of the Epistles.

#### OTHER CHANGES.

In selecting a substitute for the term "publican," which in its original New Testament use was misleading, and the technical sense of which has given place in the popular mind to another meaning, a difficulty was found. To use "tax-collector" would be to transfer the opprobrious association to another class. But the term "collector" seems to meet the case. Without a qualifying adjunct it has no special modern application, while its curtness and vagueness fit it for expressing the contempt with which the word it represents was used in Palestine in New Testament times.

The word "offence" is used in the "Authorised" Version in a sense which does not readily occur to the modern reader—a sense in which it has not been generally adopted into the English language. An effort has been made, therefore. to represent more accurately the intention with which the Greek word so translated (lit. "scandal") is believed to have been used. As the Greek term has a figurative origin (the word in its earliest sense standing for a trap or snare), its later application may be regarded as somewhat Therefore, it has been thought better. instead of adopting a uniform equivalent for it in English, to translate it in each case in accordance with the context. In rendering the cognate Greek verb (lit, "scandalise"), which in the A. V. is translated "offend," a similar course has been pursued.

VERBAL ENDINGS AND AUXILIARIES.

The attentive reader may notice that here and there the "th" ending of the verb, which in the

"Authorised" Version is uniformly used, has been allowed to give place to the "s" form. Though modern usage favours the latter, both forms are ancient, and may be found side by side in the best works of the age which gave us the "Authorised" Version. It is believed that readers will find the change, which has been made cautiously, to be in the direction of euphony.

The substitution of "will" for "shall" has been carried out more systematically. There may be a few passages in which the correct usage is open to dispute, but it is hoped that, for the most part, the changes here made in this respect will commend themselves to the ear, and be helpful to the understanding.

### HEADINGS AND TYPOGRAPHICAL MARKS.

It will be noticed that in the headings of the Gospels the title "Saint" has been omitted. This return to the most ancient usage, which was strongly recommended by the American Revisers in the Supplement to the Revised Version, may also be justified on the ground of consistency. In the A.V. and the R.V. the title is given exclusively to the Evangelists, and to them in the headings of the Gospels only, though in general usage it is applied to many other New Testament personages. This variation is really due to the special veneration in which the Gospels have been held, the title "saint" or "holy" having been applied in each case to the book rather than to the writer.

In the Gospels and in the Acts, the comments and explanations of the original writers have been to a large extent distinguished by curved brackets. These are not to be taken as suggesting any doubt of the authenticity of the enclosed passages. But in many instances it will be found that the narrative gains in force and clearness by regarding such passages as parenthetical. In the Epistles (and in a few other cases) the curved brackets are simply the translators' device for elucidating long or involved sentences

#### THE GREEK TEXT

The translators, in their final revision, followed closely the fourth edition of the Greek Testament of Professor Eberhard Nestle, Ph. and Th.D. Maulbronn, Württemberg, a text the first edition of which was prepared by Dr. Nestle for the Württemberg Bible Society of Stuttgart,

In deciding, after much anxious consideration, to conform their translation strictly to one edition of the Greek Text, they were guided by considerations arising out of the plan and scope of their work.

Their chief object was to demonstrate, to the best of their ability, that a close translation was compatible with a rendering into thoroughly readable English. This object would not be so well served if the Text were broken up by bracketed insertions of variants; neither was it desirable that the reader's attention should be distracted by frequent references to the margin for alternative readings, many of which, important as they are to scholars, have little interest for the ordinary reader.

On the other hand, the translators, by collating a Greek Text out of the many varied readings now extant, would have assumed a responsibility

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involving a claim to scholarship of an exceptional order, and would have laid themselves open to controversy on a field on which they had no occasion to contend;

The alternative was to adopt a Greek Text for which authority of recognised eminence could be quoted. The publication in May, 1904, of the fourth edition of Dr. Nestle's Greek Testament, with the imprimatur of the British and Foreign Bible Society, determined the adoption of that work as the Text for this Version. The third edition, which had been prepared by Dr. Nestle for the Wurttemberg Bible Society in 1901, had already been in use for reference by the translators, a copy having been placed at their disposal through the courtesy of the Rev. J. Sharp, Editorial Superintendent of Translations to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Dr. Nestle's Authorities.

This Greek Testament, as Dr. Nestle explains in his Preface, is not a Text of his own compilation. Nor, indeed, does it express the judgment or preference of any individual scholar. It is the resultant of a collation of the three principal recensions of the Greek Testament which appeared in the latter half of the nineteenth century, namely, those of Tischendorf, of Westcott and Hort, and of Bernhard Weiss. The readings adopted by Dr. Nestle are those in which two of these agree. An exception to this rule has been made in only two cases, those of John v. 3, 4, and vii. 53 to viii. 11. On these and other passages indicated as doubtful by Dr. Nestle, footnotes will be found in this Version.

The General Editor and his colleagues do not pledge themselves to the absolute authenticity of those readings in Dr. Nestle's resultant which differ from those adopted by other authorities. But the special issue of this Greek Testament as one of the Centenary publications of the Bible Society may be regarded as evidence of the high esteem in which it is held by competent and cautious authorities. Those engaged in preparing the present Version feel assured, at all events, that whatever points in the Text may still be open to controversy, the reader cannot fail to find in Dr. Nestle's Greek Testament. as a whole, everything essential to a full understanding of the Christian revelation: while the use of it in the final revision of this Version has enabled many passages, hitherto obscure, or of difficult construction, to be rendered with new clearness and symmetry.

Gratifying confirmation of their choice of a Text has been afforded to the translators by the enormous sale of the Centenary Edition of Dr Nestle's Greek Testament, and by the testimony to its value which has been received by the Bible Society from scholars of various religious denominations. "The Corrected English New Testament" is the first complete translation into English from this important Text (which exhibits the combined labours of the best and most recent scholars); and if only for this reason, should be of exceptional interest to Bible students.

It is impossible in these days to claim for any new translation of the New Testament, absolute originality. The translators, in the present instance, gladly acknowledge their obligations to a large number of versions and expository works, old and modern, for aid in determining and expressing the exact sense of the original. They, indeed, trust that the reader will value the work none the less for the fact that every rendering which has been adopted has, in its sense if not in its form, the support of some of the highest authorities on Biblical interpretation.

#### EDITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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The Rev. Canon Girdlestone, M.A., he has to thank for bringing ripe scholarship and experience as a translator to bear upon the preparation of a provisional new English Text in which were clearly set forth the various readings derived from all well-reputed sources. In this Text and in Canon Girdlestone's Preface to it were many valuable tentative proposals for New Testament revision. Though the work in its present form represents the result of repeated revisions and of suggestions from many quarters, it is still largely based upon the labours of Canon Girdlestone, and his sympathy and advice have been continued up to the eve of publication.

Mr. G. Washington Moon, Hon. F.R.S.L., who during a long life has made the rules of English grammar a special study, took an important part in the work during its experimental stages. The scheme for the revision of the English is largely based upon the criticisms embodied in Mr. Moon's published works, he himself assisting in the preparation of a Tentative Edition, which

was circulated privately in January, 1904. The marginal references, many of them original, which appear in the present edition, were for the most part arranged by him. It was decided, however, that neither a strict application of Mr. Moon's grammatical principles—whatever may be their theoretical justification—nor the adoption of his views as to New Testament interpretation, would be consistent with the purpose of the work. Mr. Moon, therefore, cannot be held responsible for any part of the work in its final form.

Dr. J. Rendel Harris, during the initiatory stages of the work, kindly acted as "Literary Counsel" to those engaged upon it, and read some of the earlier proof-sheets. Not only were his assistance and advice valuable, but his keen interest in the project from the first, and the continuance of his sympathy throughout, have been a source of great encouragement. The decision to conform the translation to Dr. Nestle's Greek Testament had Dr. Rendel Harris's full approval.

The General Editor tenders hearty thanks to the Bishop of Durham for the evidence of kindly sympathy afforded by his commendatory Preface. The appreciation of so eminent a scholar and divine is valued none the less for the discriminating terms in which it is expressed.

### THE FINAL REVISION.

In the repeated revisions which followed the issue of the Tentative Edition, the Rev. E. E. Cunnington, M.A., vicar of Llangarron, Herefordshire, took a leading part, reading the whole

work through with Dr. Nestle's Greek Text, and being consulted with regard to every suggested emendation of the English—the rule followed having been, to adopt no change in the wording or in the order of the words without renewed reference to the Greek Text. Not only by his scholarship, but by his sympathy with the object of the undertaking, and by a special aptitude for accurate expression in English, Mr. Cunnington has proved himself excellently qualified for his share of the work; and those who have been engaged in it with him acknowledge with gratitude his untiring and courteous co-operation.

The General Editor desires to express his personal gratitude to Mr. W. H. Garbutt for zealous and valuable assistance in the task of final collation and revision, and in the heavy labour of seeing the work through the press; also for many suggestions by which its literary and textual value has been enhanced. To the skill and the devotion of Mr. Garbutt must be attributed, in a large measure, the rapidity and the thoroughness with which the final revision and the recasting of the work have been accomplished.

Many useful suggestions have been received from a number of representative Bible students, to whom, in some cases, the proof sheets, and, in all, copies of the Tentative Edition were submitted. These suggestions have been considered as carefully as time and the scope of the work allowed.

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( ). Curved brackets do not indicate anything not found in the Greek Text, but are used simply for the sake of elucidation.

Italics indicate that the word has no equivalent in the original, but appears to the translators to be necessary to complete the sense.

A brace against several references shows that they all relate to the verse against which the middle of the bracket stands.

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

# MATTHEW

1	1	THE Genealogy (a) of Jesus Christ, the son of	Luke iii. 23.
		David, the son of Abraham:—	
	2	Abraham begat Isaac;	Gen. xxi. 2.
		and Isaac begat Jacob;	Gen. xxv. 26.
		and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren;	Gen. xxix. 35.
	3	and Judah begat Perez and Zerah by Tamar;	) Gen. xxxviii. 29 ) Gen. xlvi. 12.
		and Perez begat Hezrom;	Ruth iv. 10.
		and Hezrom begat Aram;	
	4	And Aram begat Aminadab;	1 Chr. ii. 10.
	•	and Aminadab begat Nashon;	Ruth iv. 20.
		and Nashon begat Salmon;	144th 17. 20.
	5	and Salmon begat Boaz by Rahab;	Ruth iv. 21.
	Э	and Boaz begat Obed by Ruth;	Ruth iv. 13.
		and Obed begat Jesse;	Ruth IV. 13.
	6	and Jesse begat David the king.	1 Sam. xvii. 12.
	U	And David begat Solomon by the widow of	
		Uriah:	2 Dann. An. 24.
	_	and Solomon begat Rehoboam;	O1 '''
	7	and Rehoboam begat Abijah;	1 Chr. iii. 10.
	0	and Abijah begat Asa;	
	8	And Asa begat Jehoshaphat;	
		and Jehoshaphat begat Jehoram;	
		and Jehoram begat Uzziah;	
	9	and Uzziah begat Jotham;	
		and Jotham begat Ahaz;	
		and Ahaz begat Hezekiah;	
1	0	and Hezekiah begat Manasseh;	2 Kings xx. 21.
		and Manasseh begat Amon;	
		and Amon begat Josiah;	
1	11	and Josiah begat Jeconiah and his brethren,	
		about the time of the Babylonian cap-	
		tivity.	
,	12	And after the Babylonian captivity,	
		Jeconiah begat Salathiel;	1 Chr. iii. 17.
		and Salathiel begat Zerubabel;	1 Cm. m. 17.
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		(a) Or register of the descent.	

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	17-mahahal hamak Ahlanda	
Neh. xii 1.	and Zerubabel begat Abiud;	13
	and Abiud begat Eliakim;	
	and Eliakam begat Azor;	
	and Azor begat Zadok;	14
	and Zadok begat Achim;	
	and Achim begat Eliud;	
	and Eliud begat Eleazar;	15
	and Eleazar begat Matthan;	
	and Matthan begat Jacob;	
	and Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary,	16
	of whom was born Jesus who is called	
	Christ.	
	So, all the generations were: From Abraham	17
	to David, fourteen generations; and from David	
	to the Babylonian captivity, fourteen genera-	
	tions; and from the Babylonian captivity to the	
	Christ, fourteen generations.	
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Luke i. 27.	NOW, thus was the birth of Jesus Christ:	18
	After Mary his mother had been betrothed to	
	Joseph, before they came together, she was	
	found to be with child—by the Holy Spirit. And	19
	Joseph her husband, being a just man, and un-	
Deut. xxiv. 1.	willing to make her a public example, was minded	
	to put her away privately. But while he thought	20
Job xxxiii. 15.	on these things, lo, an angel of the LORD appeared	
	in a dream to him, saying, Joseph, thou son of	
	David, fear not to take to thee Mary thy wife;	
	for that which is conceived in her is by the Holy	
	Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and	2 I
Acts v. 31.	thou shalt call his name JESUS (a): for he will	
	save his people from their sins.	
	Now, all this came to pass that what was	22
	spoken by the Lord through the prophet might	
	be fulfilled,	
Isa. vii. 14.	"Behold, the virgin shall be with child,	23
	And shall bring forth a son,	_
Isa. vii. 14.	And they shall call his name Immanuel"	
	(Which is, being interpreted, God with us).	
	And Joseph arose from his sleep and did as the	24
	angel of the LORD had bidden him, and took	•
	unto him his wife, and knew her not till she had	25
Ex. xiii. 2.	brought forth a son; and he called his name	,
Luke ii. 21.	JESÜS.	

(a) O.T., Joshua, i.e. the LORD is a Saviour.

NOW, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa, in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise Men (a) from the East came to Jerusalem,

2 saying, Where is he who was born King of the Zec. ix, 9. Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and have Num. xxiv. 17. come to worship (b) him.

John v. 23.

When Herod the king heard these things he was troubled, and so was all Jerusalem with And gathering together all the high Psa ii. 2. 4 him. priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of

them where the Christ (c) was to be born. And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judæa; Mic. v. 2.

for thus it was written through the prophet. "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Art by no means least among the chief cities Rev. ii. 27.

of Iudah:

For out of thee shall come a governor, Who shall be shepherd of my people Israel."

Then Herod, having privately called the Wise Men, ascertained from them exactly at what 8 time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said. Go and inquire diligently concerning the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word, that I also may go and worship him.

And having heard the king, they departed; Matt. ii. 2. and, lo, the star which they had seen in the east

went before them, until it came and stood over 10 the place where the young child was; and when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceed-II ingly great joy. And they came into the house, and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down, and worshipped him: and, having opened their treasures, they presented to him gifts-gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to

( Psa. lxxii. 10, 15. Psa. cxli. 2. John xix. 39.

Herod, they departed into their own country another wav.

And when they had departed, lo, an angel of 13 the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for, Herod is about to seek the Matt. ii. 16.

Matt. i 20.

(a) Or astrologers (Wycliffe, astronomers); Gr. Magi.
(b) As to the word "worship," see Introduction, p. xvii.

(c) i.e. the Messiah, or Anointed.



young child that he may destroy him. And he 14 arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt; and he was 15 there until the death of Herod: that what was spoken by the LORD through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called My son."

Then Herod, when he found that he had been 16 set at naught by the Wise Men, was exceedingly angry, and sent forth and slew in Bethlehem and in all its borders, all the boys of two years of age and under, according to the time which he had exactly ascertained from the Wise Men. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the 17 prophet was fulfilled,

A voice was heard in Ramah,
Weeping and great lamentation;
Rachel weeping for her children,
And refusing to be comforted, because they
were not."

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel 19 of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise and take the young child 20 and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for those who sought the young child's life are dead. And he arose, and took the young child 21 and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus, in place of 22 Herod his father, was reigning over Judæa, he was afraid to go thither; and being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the regions of Galilee: and came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

AND, in those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, saying, Repent ye! for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (For this is he who was spoken of through Isaiah the prophet,

A voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, Make His paths straight."

But John himself had his raiment of camels' hair, and a leather girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Hos. xi. 1.

Matt. ii. 7. Jer. xxxi. 15.

Ex. iv. o.

Matt. iii. 13. John i. 45. Num. vi. 13.

Luke iii. 2.

Isa. xl. 3.

Matt. xi. 8.

Lev. xi. 22.

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Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judæa 6 and all the region round about the Jordan, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Acts i. 5.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, Brood of vipers, who warned you to flee Matt. xii. 34. 8 from the wrath to come? Bring forth fruit Jer. li. 6.

o worthy of repentance: and think not to say within yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father"; for I say to you that GoD is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

10 And already the axe lies at the root of the trees; every tree therefore which bringeth not forth

11 good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. I John xv. 6. indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; Luke iii. 16. but he who cometh after me is mightier than I, and his shoes I am not worthy to bear. He will

baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire; Acts i. 5. 12 his winnowing fan is in his hand; and he will Mal, iii, 2. thoroughly cleanse his threshing-floor and will Psa. i. 4. gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

THEN Iesus came from Galilee to the Iordan Mark i. 9.

14 unto John, to be baptized by him. And John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized by thee; and comest thou to me?

15 But Jesus answering said to him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus when he was baptized went up straightway from (a) the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and lighting Isa. xi. 2.

17 upon him. And, lo, a voice from heaven, say- Psa. ii. 7. ing. This is My beloved Son, in whom I am WELL PLEASED.

4 THEN Jesus was led by the Spirit into the 1 Kings xviii. 12. wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty Mark i. 12.

3 nights, he was afterwards hungry. And the

(a) Or out of.

tempter came to him and said, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Deut. viii. 3. "Man shall not live by bread only, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Then the devil took him into the holy city. Matt. xxvii. 53. And he set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, Psa. xci. 11. "He will give his angels charge concerning thee: And on their hands they will bear thee up, Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, It is written again, "Thou Deut. vi. 16. shalt not try the Lord thy God." Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them. he said to him, All these things I will give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then 10 said Jesus to him, Get thee hence, Satan! for it is written. "Thou shalt worship the LORD thy GOD, Deut. vi. 13. Deut. x. 20. And Him only thou shalt serve. Then the devil left him. And, lo, angels came 11 Heb. i. 6. and ministered to him. NOW, when Jesus heard that John had been 12 cast into prison, he withdrew into Galilee; and, 13 leaving Nazareth, he went and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea (a), in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali: that what was spoken 14 Isa. ix. 1. through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, "The land of Zebulun 15 And the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; Isa. xlii. 6. The people who sat in darkness 16 Saw a great light; And to those who sat in the region and shadow of death

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24 people. And his fame went into all Syria; and Matt. viii. 16. they brought to him all sick persons suffering from divers diseases and torments; those who were possessed by evil spirits (b) or were lunatics,

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Luke vi. 20.

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Psa. xxxiv. 14.	see God.  Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be
1 Pet. iii. 13.	called children of God.  Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom
•	of heaven.  Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and rr persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.
2 Cor. iv. 17.	Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad; for great is 12 your reward in heaven; for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Mark ix. 50.	Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt 13 have lost its savour, with what shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast
Phil. ii. 15.	out to be trodden under foot by men.  Ye are the light of the world. A city which is 14 set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do men 15 light a lamp, and put it under the bushel; but they put it on the stand, and it shineth for all
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	Therefore whosoever shall break (a) one of the 19 least of these commandments, and shall teach men so, he, in the kingdom of heaven, shall be called the least; but whosoever shall do and teach
1 Sam. ii. 30.	them, he, in the kingdom of heaven, shall be called great. For I say to you that unless your 20
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shall kill will be in danger of the judgment"; 22 but I say to you, that every one who is angry with his brother will be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca! (a) he will be in danger of the council;

but whosoever shall say, Moreh! (b) he will be in 23 danger of the hell (c) of fire. If, then, thou art Deut. xvi. 16. offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath somewhat against

24 thee, leave there thy gift before the altar; and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother.

25 and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art with him Pro, xxv. 8. in the way; lest haply the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and 26 thou be cast into prison. Verily, I say to thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence, till

thou hast paid the very last farthing.

Ye have heard that it was said, "Thou shalt Ex. xx. 14. 28 not commit adultery." But I say to you, that Job xxxi. 1. every one who looketh on a woman to lust after her hath already committed adultery with her 20 in his heart. And if thy right eye ensnare thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee; for, it is better for thee that one of thy members should perish. than that thy whole body should be cast into 30 hell. And if thy right hand ensnare thee, cut it off and cast it from thee; for it is better for thee that one of thy members should perish, than

that thy whole body should go into hell.

Rom. viii. 13.

It was said also, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorce-32 ment." But I say to you that whosoever shall Matt. xix. 9. put away his wife, except on account of fornication, causeth adultery to be committed with her; and whosoever shall marry her who is put away committeth adultery.

Again, ye have heard that it was said to those Lev. xix. 12. of old time, "Thou shalt not swear falsely, but Ex. xx. 7. 34 shalt render to the LORD thine oaths." But I Num. xxx. 2.

say to you, Swear not at all; not by heaven, for 35 it is the throne of GoD; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the Rev. xxi. 2.

(a) Or worthless fellow. (b) Or apostate wretch. (c) Or Gehenna; O.T. the valley of Hinnom.

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Jas. v. 12.

city of the Great King. Nor shalt thou swear 36 by thy head; for thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, 37 "Yea, yea; Nay, nay"; and whatsoever is more

than these is from the evil one (a).

Ex. xxi. 24. Pro. xx. 22. Isa. 1. 6.

Ye have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, 38 and tooth for tooth." But I say to you, Resist 39 not him who is evil (a); but whosoever smites thee on thy right cheek, to him turn the other also. And if any man would sue thee at law and take away thy coat (b), let him have thy clock (c) also. And whoseever shall impress at

Deut. xv. 7.

cloak (c) also. And whosoever shall impress 41 thee to go one mile, go with him two. Give to 42 him who asks of thee, and from him who would

borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Deut. xxiii. 6. Rom. xii. 14. Ye have heard that it was said, "Thou shalt 43 love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy."

But I say to you I ave your promise and prove the said of t

Luke xxiii. 34.

But I say to you, Love your enemies, and pray 44 for those who persecute you; that ye may be 45 children of your Father who is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the

Job xxv. 3.

just. For if ye love those who love you, what 46 reward have ye? do not even collectors (d) the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, 47 what do ye above the common? do not even the

good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the un-

Gen. xvii. 1. Gentiles the same? Ye therefore shall be per-48 fect, even as your Father who is in heaven is

perfect.

But take heed that ye do not your good deeds in men's presence, to be seen by them; otherwise ye have no reward from your Father who

is in heaven.

reward thee.

Therefore when thou givest thine alms, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may have glory from men. Verily, I say to you, they have their reward in full. But when thou givest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret; and thy Father, who seeth in secret, will

Ruth ii. 16.

Luke viii. 17.

(a) Or evil. (b) Or inner garment. (c) Or mantle, outer garment.

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<sup>(</sup>d) i.e. collectors of the public taxes, and so elsewhere.

And when ye pray, ye shall not be as the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the Pro. xvi. 5. synagogues and at the corners of the streets. that they may be seen by men. Verily, I say 6 to you, they have their reward in full. But thou. when thou prayest, enter thy inner chamber and shut thy door, and pray to thy Father who is in Psa, xxxiv, 15. secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret will reward thee.

And when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, Ecc. v. 2. as the Gentiles do: for they think that they will

8 be heard because of their much speaking. There- I Kings xviii. 26. fore, be not like them; for your Father, before Luke xii, 30. ve ask Him, knoweth what things ye need.

After this manner therefore pray ye:— Uke xi. 2. Our Father who art in heaven: Hallowed be Rom. viii. 15. 10 Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, II on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our 12 daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we Matt. xviii. 21. 13 also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us Matt. xxvi. 41. not into temptation (a), but deliver us from evil (b).

Psa. ciii, 20. Pro. xxx. 8.

John xvii. 15.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your is heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if ye forgive not men, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Moreover when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance; for they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to fast. Verily, I say to you, they have their reward in

17 full. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy 18 head and wash thy face, that thou appear to fast, not to men but to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret will reward thee.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon Pro. xxiii. 4. earth, where moth and rust consume, and where 20 thieves break through and steal; but lay up for Isa. xxxiii. 6. yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves 21 do not break through nor steal; for where thy treasure is, there also will the heart be.

Eph. iv. 31.

<sup>(</sup>a) Or trial. (b) Or the evil one. Some MSS. add:—"For Thine are the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Luke xi. 34.

The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore 22 thine eye be sound, thy whole body will be full of light. But if thine eye be diseased, thy whole 23 body will be full of darkness. If then the light which is in thee is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for 24 either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will cling to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (a).

Therefore I say to you, Be not anxious for 25

1 Cor. vii. 32.

Job xxxviii. 41.

Luke xxii. 25.

Luke xvi. 13.

Gal. i. 10.

your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life a greater thing than the food, and the body than the raiment? Look at the 26 birds of the air; for they sow not, they neither reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not of much greater value than they? And which of you, by 27 being anxious, can add to his life one span? (b). And why are ye anxious about raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say to you 29 that even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes 30 the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-

morrow is cast into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore 31 be not anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or,

What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? for, after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knoweth that we have need of all these things. But seek 33

ye first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you. Therefore be not anxious as to the morrow, for the

Psa. xxxvii. 3.

1 Tim. iv. 8. Lev. xxv. 20.

Deut. xxxiii. 25.

Luke vi. 37.

Jude i. 7.

morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For, with what judgment ye judge, ye will be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it will be measured to you. And why regardest thou the splinter which is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam which is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me take the

(a) Or riches.

(b) Or to his stature one cubit.

splinter out of thine eye; and behold, the beam 5 is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first take Gal. vi. 1. the beam out of thine own eye; and then thou Pro. ix. 7. wilt see clearly to take the splinter out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy to the dogs; neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and

rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye Isa. lv. 6. shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you; Psa. lxxxi. 10. 8 for, every one who asketh receiveth; and he Pro. viii. 17.

who seeketh findeth; and to him who knocketh

9 it will be opened. Or what man is there of you, who, if his son shall ask for a loaf, will give him

who, if his son shall ask for a loaf, will give him to a stone, or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him

11 a serpent? If ye then who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him?

All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; Lev. xix. 18. for this is the Law and the Prophets.

13 Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate Luke xiii. 24. and broad is the way which leadeth to destruction, and many are those who go in thereat;

14 because narrow is the gate and straitened is the Matt. xx. 16. way which leadeth to life, and few are those who find it.

Beware of false prophets who come to you Deut. xiii. 1. clothed as sheep, but inwardly are ravening Acts xx. 29. 16 wolves. Ye will know them by their fruits. Matt. xii. 33.

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17 thistles? Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth 18 forth bad fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth

bad fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth 19 good fruit. Every tree which bringeth not Matt. iii. 10. forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the

20 fire. Therefore, by their fruits ye will know them.

Not every one who saith to me, "Lord, Lord," Matt. xxv. 11. will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many in the great day will say to me, Lord, Lord,

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Num. xxiv. 4.

Matt. xxv. 41.

Psa. cxi. 10.

Psa. xcii. 13.

1 Sam. ii. 30.

1 Cor. iii. 13.

Jer. xxiii. 29.

Mark i. 40.

Matt. ix. 30. Lev. xiv. 3.

Luke vii. 2.

Psa. x. 17.

did we not prophesy by thy name? and by thy name cast out evil spirits? and by thy name do many mighty works? And then I will declare to 23 them. I never knew you: depart from me, ye

who work iniquity.

Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, shall be likened to a prudent man who built his house upon the rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon the rock. And every one who heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, will be like a foolish

man who built his house upon the sand; and 27 the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it.

AND when Jesus had ended these sayings, the 28 multitudes were astonished at his teaching; for 29 he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes

WHEN he had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And, behold, there came to him a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touching him, said, I will it; be thou clean! And immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. And Jesus said to him, See that thou tell no one; but go, show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.

And when Jesus had entered Capernaum, there came to him a centurion, beseeching him and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick with the palsy (a), grievously tormented. Jesus said to the centurion, I will go and cure him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant will be cured. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this one, "Go," and he goeth; and to another,

(a) Or paralysed.

"Come," and he cometh; and to my servant, "Do this." and he doeth it.

to When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to those who followed, Verily, I say to you, With no one in Israel have I found so great a

11 faith. And I say to you, that many will come Matt. xv. 28. from the east and from the west, and will sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in

12 the kingdom of heaven; but the children of the Matt. xxi. 43. kingdom will be cast into the outer darkness: Matt. xiii. 42. there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, Go thy way; as thou hast believed, so be it done to thee. And the servant was cured in the selfsame hour.

WHEN Jesus had come into Peter's house, he saw Peter's wife's mother lying sick with a fever. Mark i. 30.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered to him.

When the evening had come, they brought to him many who were possessed by evil spirits; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and

17 cured all who were ill: that there might be ful- Isa. liii. 4. filled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, "Himself took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses."

NOW when Jesus saw a multitude about him, he gave commandment to depart to the other side.

And a certain scribe came and said to him, Luke ix. 57.

Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou
go goest. Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes,

and the birds of the air have roosts; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head.

Another of the disciples said to him, Lord, I Kings xix. 20.
22 suffer me first to go and bury my father. But
Jesus said to him, Follow me; and leave the dead
to bury their own dead.

23 And when he had entered the boat, his dis-24 ciples followed him. And, lo, there arose a Mark iv. 37. great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the boat

was covered with the waves; but he was asleep.
25 And they went to him and awoke him, saying.

26 Save, Lord: we perish! He said to them, Why are ye timid, O ye of little faith? Then he Job xxxviii. 11.

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arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there came a great calm. And the men marvelled, and said, What manner of man is this? for even the winds and the sea obey him!

Mark v. 1.

AND when he had gone across into the country 28 of the Gadarenes (a), there met him, coming out from the tombs, two men possessed by evil spirits, and exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And they cried out, saying, 29 What have we to do with thee, thou Son of GoD? hast thou come hither to torment us before the time?

Job i. 10. Deut. xiv. 8. Now a good way off from them there was a 30 herd of many swine feeding. So the evil spirits 31 besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, send us into the herd of swine. And he said to them, 32 Go. And when they had come out, they went into the swine: and, lo, the whole herd rushed violently down the steep into the sea, and perished in the waters.

And those who tended them fled, and went 33 away into the town, and told every thing that had befallen those possessed by evil spirits. And 34 the whole city went out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they besought him that he would

depart from their borders.

Job xxi. 14.

Mark v. 34.

AND Jesus entered a boat, and crossed over,

and came into his own city.

And they were bringing to him a palsied man, lying on a bed. And Jesus seeing their faith said to the palsied man, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven. And certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. But Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore do ye think evil in your hearts? for which is easier, to say, "Thy sins are forgiven," or to say, "Arise, and walk"? But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath authority on earth to forgive sins, (then said he to the palsied man), Arise, take up thy bed, and go to thy house. And the man arose, and departed to his house. And when the multitude

Micah vii. 18.

(a) Or Gergesenes.

saw it, they were afraid, and glorified Gop, who had given such authority to men.

AND as Jesus passed on thence, he saw a man Mark ii. 14. called Matthew sitting at the place of toll (a). and said to him, Follow me. And he arose, and

10 followed him. And as Jesus sat at table in the house, many collectors and outcasts came and II sat down with him and his disciples. And when

the Pharisees saw it, they said to his disciples, Matt. xi. 10. Why eateth your master with the collectors and

12 outcasts? But Jesus heard; and he said. Not those who are strong need a physician, but those 13 who are ill. But go ye and learn what this meaneth, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice"; \\ \text{Matt. xii. 6.} \)

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the bridegroom is with them? but days will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, Isa. xxii. 12. 16 and then they will fast. But no one putteth a

piece of undressed cloth upon an old garment, for the filling taketh from the garment, and a 17 worse rent is made. Neither do men put new

wine into old wine-skins; else the skins burst, and the wine runneth out, and the skins perish: but they put new wine into fresh skins, and both are preserved.

18 While he was speaking these things to them, Mark v. 22. behold, a certain ruler came, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter even now died; but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she will

10 live. And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did the disciples.

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22 ment, I shall be made whole. But Jesus turned and saw her, and said, Daughter, be of good com- Luke vii. 50. fort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the John iv. 53. woman was made whole from that hour.

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Acts xx 10.

2 Kings iv. 33.

Mark iii. 13.

Luke vi. 13.

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	the damsel arose. And the report thereof went 26 abroad into all that land.	6
Matt. xv. 22.	AND as Jesus was passing thence, two blind 24 men followed, crying out, and saying, Have pity	7
	on us, thou Son of David. And when he had 28 gone into the house, the blind men came to him;	8
	and Jesus said to them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said to him, Yea, Lord!	
	Then he touched their eyes, saying, According 20	9
Isa. xlii. 2.	to your faith be it done unto you. And their eyes 30	0
1sa. xiii. 2.	were opened. And Jesus strictly charged the men, saying, Let no one know it. But they departed, 3 and spread abroad his fame in all that land.	ſ
Matt. xii. 22.	As they were going out, there was brought to 32	2
Isa. xxxv. 6.	him a dumb man possessed by an evil spirit. And when the evil spirit had been cast out, the 3:	3
	dumb spoke. And the multitudes marvelled,	_
Matt. xii. 24.	saying, Never before was it thus seen in Israel! But the Pharisees said, He casteth out evil spirits 34 through the prince of the evil spirits.	4
Matt. iv. 23.	AND Jesus went about all the towns and 35 villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the good news of the kingdom,	5
Num. xxvii. 17.	and curing every disease and every sickness.  But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved 36 with compassion for them, because they were troubled, and were scattered abroad, as sheep	5
Luke x. 2.	having no shepherd. Then he said to his dis-	7
	ciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the	,
D. 1	labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord 38 of the harvest to send forth labourers into his	3
Psa. lxviii. 11.	harvest.	
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3 John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the collector; James the 4 son of Alphæus, and Thaddæus; Simon the Cananæan (a), and Judas Iscariot, who also be-

traved him. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and charged 2 Kings xvii. 24. them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gen-

tiles, and enter not any city of the Samaritans; 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Psa. cxix. 176.

7 Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, "The Matt. iii. 2. 8 kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the infirm, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out Acts viii. 18. evil spirits; freely ye have received, freely give: Luke xxii. 35. 9 Provide not gold or silver or brass for your Luke x. 7. ió girdles, nor wallet for your journey, nor two coats, nor shoes, nor yet a staff; for the labourer

is deserving of his food.

And into whatsoever city or village ye enter, ΙI search out who in it is worthy; and there abide 12 till ye go thence. And as ye enter a house, Psa. xxxv. 13.

13 salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it be not worthy, let 14 your peace return to you. And whosoever will not

receive you or hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or that city, shake off the dust Neh. v. 13. 15 from your feet. Verily, I say to you, it will be

more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst

of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and Phil. iii. 2. 17 simple as doves. And beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will Acts v. 40.

18 scourge you in their synagogues; yea, before governors and kings ye will be brought for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

But when they deliver you up, be not anxious Mark xiii. 11. how or what ve shall speak; for it will be given

20 you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For ye are not the speakers; but the Spirit of your Luke xii. 12. Father speaketh in you.

And brother will deliver up brother to death. and the father his child; and children will rise

(a) Hebrew for "Zealot" (one of a sect so named). See Luke vi. 15.

Rev. ii. 10.

Mark iv. 22.

Isa. viii. 12.

Acts xxvii. 34.

Rev. iii. 5.

2 Tim. ii. 12.

up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye will be hated by all men for my 22 name's sake; but he who endureth to the end, the same will be saved.

But when they persecute you in this city, flee to the next; for, verily, I say to you, ye will not have gone through the cities of Israel till the Son

of Man have come.

Luke vi. 40.

The disciple is not above his master, nor the 24 servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he become as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub (a), how much

more those of his household?

Therefore fear them not, for there is nothing 26 covered, which will not be revealed; and nothing hidden, which will not be known. What 27 I tell you in the darkness, speak ye in the light;

and what ye hear whispered, proclaim ye upon

the housetops.

And be not afraid of those who kill the body 28 but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? 29 yet not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your 30

head are all numbered. Fear not therefore; ye 31

are of more value than many sparrows.

Every one, therefore, who shall acknowledge 32 me before men, him I will also acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall disown me before men, him I will

also disown before my Father who is in heaven.

Think not that I came to bring peace to the 34 earth; I came to bring, not peace but a sword. For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes will be those of his own house-

hold. He who loveth father or mother more 37 than me is not worthy of me; and he who loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of

me. And he who doth not take his cross and 38

(a) Gr. Beezeboul; or, in some MSS., Beelzeboul. So elsewhere.

Luke xii. 49. Micah vii. 6.

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30 follow after me, is not worthy of me. He who Matt. xvi. 25. findeth his life will lose it; and he who loseth his life for my sake will find it.

He who receiveth you receiveth me, and he who receiveth me receiveth Him who sent me.

41 He who receiveth a prophet because he is a 1 Kings xvii. 10. prophet, will receive a prophet's reward; and he who receiveth a righteous man because he is a righteous man, will receive a righteous man's 42 reward. And whosoever shall give to drink, to

one of these little ones, because he is a disciple, even a cup of cold water, verily, I say to you, he will in no wise lose his reward.

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And when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

NOW, when John had heard in prison of the Luke vii. 18. 3 works of the Christ, he sent by his disciples, and said to him, Art thou he who cometh, or are we to look for another?

Jesus answered and said to them, Go and tell Jisa. xxxv. 5. John those things which ye hear and see: the Jisa. xxix. 18. blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the gospel preached

6 to them. And blessed is he who shall not find Isa. viii. 14. in me cause of stumbling.

And as these departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to view? a reed shaken Eph. iv. 14.

8 by the wind? But what went ye out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they who 9 wear soft raiment are in kings' palaces. But

why went ye out? to see a prophet? yea, I say to 10 you, and far more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send My messenger before thy face, Who shall prepare thy way before thee."

11 Verily, I say to you, among those who are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is but little in the

12 kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the

Luke xvi. 16.	violent seize upon it. For all the prophets and	13
M 1 1	the Law prophesied until John. And if ye will	14
Mal. iv. 5.	receive him, this is Elijah who was to come. He who hath ears, let him hear!	15
	But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places,	16
	who call to their fellows and say,	
	"We piped to you, and ye did not dance; We sang lamentations, and ye did not mourn."	17
Matt. x. 25.	For, John came neither eating nor drinking,	18
Luke xv. 2.	and they say, He hath an evil spirit. The Son	19
	of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,	- 9
	Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a	
	friend of collectors and outcasts. Yet wisdom	
Pro. xvii. 24.	is justified by her works (a).	
Luke x. 13.	THEN Jesus began to upbraid the cities where-	20
	in most of his mighty works had been done, be-	
	cause they repented not: Alas for thee, Chorazin!	2 T
	Alas for thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works	
	which have been done in you, had been done in	
	Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long	
	ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you,	22
	it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in	
	the day of judgment, than for you. And thou,	23
Isa. xiv. 13.	Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted to heaven? thou shalt go down to Hades (b); for if the	
	mighty works which have been done in thee,	
	had been done in Sodom, it would have re-	
	mained until this day. But, I say to you that	2.4
	it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom	
	in the day of judgment, than for thee.	
Luke x. 21.	At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank	25
	thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that	- 3
	Thou didst hide these things from the wise and	
	prudent, and didst reveal them to babes. Even	26
	so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight.	
Matt. xxviii. 18.	All things have been delivered unto me by my	27
John i. 18,	Father; and no one knoweth the Son, except	-,
•	the Father; neither knoweth any one the Father,	
	except the Son and him to whom the Son will	
	reveal Him.	
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Come unto me, all ye who labour and are 28

<sup>(</sup>a) Or (according to some authorities) children.(b) i.e. the nether world.

29 heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye will find rest 30 for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my

burden is light.

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AT that time Jesus went through the corn- Deut. xxiii. 25. fields on the Sabbath: and his disciples were hungry, and began to pluck ears of corn (a) and 2 to eat. But the Pharisees when they saw it said

to him, Behold, thy disciples are doing that which it is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.

But he said to them, Have ye not read what I Sam. xxi. 6. David did, when he and they who were with 4 him were hungry; how he entered the house of

Gop, and they ate the showbread, to eat which was not lawful for him or for those who were

5 with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye Num. xxviii. o. not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath day the priests in the temple break the Sabbath-

6 rest, yet are guiltless? But I say to you, that 7 one greater than the temple is here. And if ye Hos. vi. 6. had known what this meaneth, "I would have

mercy, and not sacrifice," ye would not have 8 condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man

is Lord of the Sabbath.

And he departed thence, and went into their 10 synagogue; and there was a man who had a Luke xiv. 3. withered hand. And they asked Jesus, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?—that they

11 might accuse him. And he said to them, What Deut. xxii. 4. man shall there be among you who shall have one sheep, and, if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath

12 day, will not lay hold of it, and lift it out? And how much better a man is than a sheep! Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.

13 Then said he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored. sound like the other.

But the Pharisees went out and held a council 14 against Jesus, how they might destroy him.

15 But he perceiving it, withdrew thence. And 16 many followed him, and he healed them all; and

(a) Or wheat.

	charged them that they should not make him known: that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled,	17
Isa. xlii. 1.	Behold, My servant whom I have chosen; My beloved in whom My soul delighteth; I will put My Spirit upon him, And he will declare judgment to the Gentiles.	18
	He will not strive nor cry aloud; Neither will any one hear his voice in the streets.	19
	A bruised reed he will not break, And smoking flax he will not quench Till he send forth judgment unto victory.	20
	And in his name will the Gentiles hope."	2 I
Luke xi. 14.	THEN was brought to him one who was possessed by an evil spirit, and was blind and dumb; and Jesus cured him, so that the dumb man	22
	spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, Is this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it they said, This man doth not cast out evil spirits, unless it be by Beelzebub their prince.  And Leggs knowing their thoughts, said to	24
Psa. cxxxix. 2	And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. And if	
	Satan casteth out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? And if by Beelzebub I cast out evil spirits, by	
	whom do your sons cast them out? therefore	•
	they shall be your judges. But if I cast out evil spirits by the Spirit of God, then the king-	28
Dan. ii. 44.	dom of God has come upon you. Besides, how can one enter the strong man's house, and plunder his goods, unless he first bind the strong man?	,29
1 John ii. 19.	and then he will plunder his goods. He who is not with me is against me; and he who gathereth not with me scattereth.	30
	Therefore I say to you, Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven to men; except that the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.	31
Heb. x. 29.	And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whosoever	32

speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; Matt. vii. 16. or else, make the tree corrupt, and its fruit cor-34 rupt; for, the tree is known by its fruit. Brood Pro. xiii. 3.

of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the 35 mouth speaketh. The good man out of his good

treasure bringeth forth good things; and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth 36 evil things. But I say to you that for every idle Ecc. xii. 14.

word which men shall speak, they shall give 37 account in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou wilt be justified, and by thy words thou wilt be condemned.

THEN certain of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, Master, we would see a sign 30 from thee. But he answered and said to them.

An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; but no sign shall be given it except the 40 sign of the prophet Jonah: for, as Jonah was Jonah i. 17. three days and three nights in the belly of the

fish; so will the Son of Man be three days and 41 three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, Jonah iii. 5.

42 a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the 1 Kings x. 1. south will rise in the judgment with this generation, and will condemn it; for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, Luke xi. 24.

44 it passeth through dry places seeking rest; and finding none, it saith, I will return to my house whence I came out; and when it has come, it findeth it empty, and swept, and garnished. 45 Then it goeth, and taketh with it seven other

spirits more wicked than itself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man Heb. vi. 4. becometh worse than was the first. Even so it will be with this wicked generation.

WHILE he yet talked to the multitudes, his 46 mother and his brothers stood outside, desiring

to speak with him. And one said to him, Be- 47 hold, thy mother and thy brothers stand out-

side, desiring to speak with thee.

But he answered and said to him who told 48 him. Who is my mother? and who are my brothers? And he stretched forth his hand to- 40 wards his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brothers! for, whosoever doeth the will 50 of my Father who is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

THE same day Jesus went out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great crowds were gathered together to him, so that he went into a boat, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on

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the shore.

And he spoke many things to them in parables: and he said, Behold a sower went forth to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side. and the birds came and devoured them; others fell upon rocky places where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth, and when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away; and others fell among the thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them; but others fell into the good ground, and brought forth fruit, one a hundredfold, another sixty-fold, another thirty-fold. He who hath ears, let him hear.

And the disciples came and said to him, Why 10

speakest thou to them in parables?

He answered and said, It is given to you to II know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For, whosoever 12 hath, to him will be given, and he will have greater abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him will be taken away even that which he Therefore I speak to them in parables; 13 hath. because seeing, they see not; and hearing, they hear not, neither do they understand.

And to them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, 14 which saith.

"Hearing ye will hear, but will not understand:

Mark iv. 3.

Heb. ii. 11.

Matt. xi. 15.

Matt. xxv. 20.

Isa, vi. o.

And seeing ye will see but will not perceive; For this people's heart has become gross, **I** 5 And their ears are dull of hearing. And their eves they closed: Lest at any time they should perceive with their eves.

And hear with their ears, And should understand with their hearts, And should turn.

And I should heal them."

But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and т6 17 your ears, for they hear. For, verily, I say to you, Many prophets and righteous men desired Eph. iii. 5. to see those things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear those things which ye hear, and heard them not.

Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower:τ8 10 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, Mark iv. 14. but understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and snatcheth away that which was sown in his heart: this man is the seed sown by 20 the way side. And the seed sown on rocky

places is he who heareth the word, and quickly 21 with joy receiveth it; but, not having root in Isa. Iviii. 2. himself, he endureth only for a while; and, when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the

22 word, straightway he falleth. And the seed sown among the thorns is he who heareth the word, and the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becom-

23 eth unfruitful. But the seed sown on the good John xv. 5. ground is he who heareth the word, and understandeth it; who also beareth fruit and bringeth forth, one a hundred-fold, one sixty, another thirty.

Isa. xxviii. 10.

Another parable he put forth to them, say-24 ing, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a 1 Pet. i. 23. 25 man who sowed good seed in his field; but while

men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also 26 among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade had sprung up and brought forth fruit,

27 then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder went and said to him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? whence

28 then hath it tares? He said to them, An enemy

1 Tim. v. 24.

did this. The servants said to him, Wouldst thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root out also the wheat with them. Let both 30 grow together until the harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them into bundles to be burnt; but gather the wheat into my barn.

Mal. iv. 1.

Mark iv. 31.

ANOTHER parable he put forth to the people, 31 saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it has grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches.

ANOTHER parable he spoke to them:—The 33 kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the

whole was leavened.

Psa. lxxviii. 2.

ALL these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes 34 in parables; and without a parable he spoke nothing to them: that there might be fulfilled 35 that which was spoken by the prophet,

"I will open my mouth in parables;

I will utter things which have been kept secret

Since the foundation."

THEN he left the multitudes, and went into 36 the house; and his disciples came to him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.

John viii. 44.

He answered and said, He who soweth the 37 good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the 38 world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy who sowed them is the 39 devil; the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burnt with fire, so it will be in the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth his angels, and they will gather out of his 41 kingdom all things which offend, and those who do iniquity; and will cast them into the fiery 42

Rev. xiv. 15.

furnace; there will be wailing and gnashing of Then the righteous will shine forth as the Dan. xii. 3. sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who

hath ears, let him hear.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden Pro. ii. 4. in a field, which a man, when he hath found it. hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth whatsoever he hath, and buyeth that field.

AGAIN, the kingdom of heaven is like a mer-46 chant seeking goodly pearls; and, having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that Pro. iii. 14. he had, and bought it.

AGAIN, the kingdom of heaven is like a sweepnet which was cast into the sea, and gathered

48 fish of every kind; which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and separate the wicked from

50 among the righteous, and will cast the wicked Matt. xxv. 32. into the fiery furnace; there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51 Have ye understood all these things? The 52 disciples said to him, Yea. Then he said to them, Therefore every scribe who is instructed Pro. x. 21. as to the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

AND when Jesus had finished these parables. 54 he departed thence. And he went into his own country, and taught the people in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and

said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and 55 these mighty works? Is not this the carpen- Mark vi. 3. ter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and are not his brothers, James and Joseph and

56 Simon and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all

57 these things? And they were disquieted through him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honour, except in his own country, and

58 in his own house. And because of their unbelief he did not many miracles there.

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AT that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, and said to his servants, This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead; and therefore mighty works are wrought by him.

Lev. xviii. 16.

Pro. xxix. 10.

Dan. vi. 14.

(For Herod had laid hold of John, and bound him, and put him into prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife; for John had said to him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. when Herod would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they accounted John a prophet. But when Herod's birthdayfeast was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them; and she pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she should ask. And she, being prompted by her mother, said, Give me here John the Baptist's head on a dish. And the king was sorry; but, for the sake of his oaths, and of those who sat with him at table, he commanded it to be given her. And he sent and had John beheaded 10 in the prison. And his head was brought on a 11 dish, and given to the damsel; and she carried it to her mother. And his disciples took up the 12 body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.)

Marl. vi. 32.

WHEN Jesus heard of it, he withdrew thence 13 by boat into a desert place apart. But when the multitudes heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And he went forth, and 14 saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion towards them, and cured their sick.

2 Kings xiv. 1.

And when it was evening, the disciples came 15 to him saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitudes away therefore, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food. But Jesus said to them, They need 16 not depart; give ye them food. And they said 17 to him, We have here only five loaves and two He said, Bring them hither to me.

And having commanded the multitudes to sit 19 down on the grass, he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven he blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples gave to the multitudes. And they all ate, and were satisfied; and 20

they took up of the fragments which remained 21 twelve baskets full. And those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

And straightway he constrained the disciples to get into a boat, and to go before him to the other side, while he sent away the multitudes.

23 And when he had sent them away, he went upon Mark vi. 46. the mountain apart to pray; and when the evening had come, he was there alone.

But the boat was then many furlongs from land, tossed by the waves: for the wind was 25 contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night

Jesus, walking on the sea, came to the disciples. 26 And when they saw him walking on the sea, Job ix. 8.

they were troubled, saying, "It is a spirit!"
7 And they cried out for fear. But straightway
Jesus spoke to them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come to thee on the waters.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water, 30 and came to Jesus. But, observing the wind, he

was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried out, 31 saying, Lord, save me! And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him, and

said to him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst Jas. i. 6. 32 thou doubt? And when they had entered the

33 boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

AND when they had crossed, they landed at 35 Gennesaret. And the men of that place knew who it was, and sent out into all the country round about, and brought to him all who were

36 ill; and besought him that these might touch if Num. xv. 38. it were but the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched were made perfectly well.

THEN Pharisees and Scribes from Jerusalem 15 I 2 came to Jesus, and said, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3 But he answered and said to them, Why do ye

Ex. xx. 12. Ex. xxi. 17. Lev. xx. 9. Deut. v. 16. Pro. xx. 20.

also transgress the commandment of God, for the sake of your tradition? For God said, "Honour thy father and thy mother"; and. "He who revileth father or mother, shall surely die." But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, "That wherewith thou mightest have been benefited by me, is given to GOD"; then he is not to honour his father or his mother. And ye made the word of God of no effect for the sake of your tradition. Ye hypocrites! well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, "This people honour Me with their lips;

Isa. xxix. 13.

Matt. xxiii. 16.

Hos. iv. 17.

Jas. iii. 6.

Gen. vi. 5.

But their hearts are far from Me. But in vain they reverence Me.

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Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

And he called the multitude, and said to ro them, Hear ye, and understand: It is not that ir which goeth into the mouth which defileth the man, but that which cometh out of the mouth. this defileth the man.

THEN the disciples came and said to him, 12 Knowest thou that the Pharisees were disquieted when they heard that saying? But he 13 answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father did not plant, will be rooted up. Let them alone; they are blind leaders of the 14 And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch.

Then answered Peter and said to him, Ex- 15 plain to us the parable. And Iesus said, Are ve 16 also still without understanding? Do not ye 17 understand that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the sewer? But those things which proceed out 18 of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile a man. For out of the heart come 19

forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies; these 20 are the things which defile a man; but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man.

AND Jesus departed thence and withdrew 21 into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And a woman of Canaan came out of those 22

Luke xviii. 38.

parts, and cried, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is 23 grievously possessed by an evil spirit. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away;

24 for she crieth after us. But he answered and Acts iii. 26. said, I am sent only to the lost sheep of the

· 25 house of Israel: Then she came and worshipped 26 him, saying, Lord, help me! But he answered and said. It is not right to take the children's 27 bread, and to cast it to the dogs. And she said.

True, Lord; for the dogs also eat of the crumbs 28 which fall from their masters' table.

Iesus answered and said to her, O woman, great Job xiii. 15. is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wouldst. And her daughter was cured from that hour.

AND Jesus departed thence and went along 2 Q the sea of Galilee; and, having gone up on to 30 the mountain, he sat down there. And great multitudes came to him, having with them those who were crippled, maimed, blind, dumb, and many others, and laid them down at his feet: and he cured them; insomuch that the multitude Psa, ciii, 3, wondered, when they saw that the dumb spoke. the maimed were restored, the lame walked, and the blind saw; and they glorified the God of

THEN Jesus called his disciples to him and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I am unwilling to send them away fasting, lest they faint on the 33 road. And the disciples said to him, Whence

should we have so many loaves in the wilderness 34 as to satisfy so great a multitude? Jesus said

to them, How many loaves have ye? And they 35 said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he

commanded the multitude to sit down on the 36 ground. And he took the seven loaves and the Matt. xiv. 19.

fishes, and gave thanks, and broke, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes. 37 And they all ate, and were satisfied; and they

took up of the broken pieces which were left

over, seven hampers full. And they who had 38 eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children.

AND, having sent away the multitude, he 39 entered a boat and went into the borders of

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Magadan (a). AND the Pharisees and Sadducees came. Matt. xii. 38. and, testing him, asked him to show them a Mark viii. 11.

sign from the heavens. He answered and said to them, When it is evening, ye say, "Fair weather! for the sky is red." And in the morning, "Foul weather to-day! for the sky is red and threatening." Ye know how to discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? An evil and adulterous generation seeketh a sign; yet no sign shall be given it but the sign of Jonah. And he left them, and departed.

Now the disciples, when they went to the other side, forgot to take bread. And Jesus said to them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And the disciples reasoned among themselves, saying. We brought no bread. When Jesus perceived this, he said, O ye of little faith! why reason ye among yourselves because ye have no bread? Do ye not yet perceive? nor remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Nor yet the seven 10 loaves of the four thousand, and how many hampers ye took up? How is it ve do not per- 11 ceive that I spoke not to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Then they understood that he bade them be- 12 ware, not of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

AND Jesus went into the regions of Cæsarea 13 Philippi; and he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of Man is? And 14 they said, Some say, John the Baptist; some,

(a) Or Magdala.

Luke xii. 1.

Jonah i. 17.

Luke xii. 1.

Matt. xiv. 2.

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Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the 15 prophets. He said to them, But who say ye 16 that I am? Simon Peter answered and said,

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Matt. xiv. 33. 17 And Jesus answered and said to him, Blessed art

thou, Simon Barjonah; for, not flesh and blood hath revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in John i. 42.

18 heaven. And I say also to thee, that thou art

Peter (a) and upon this rock (b) I will build my church (c); and the gates of Hades shall not 19 prevail against it. I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall

20 be loosed in heaven. Then he charged the disciples that they should tell no one that he Mark viii. 30.

was the Christ. From that time Jesus Christ began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and high priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the

22 third day be raised. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Far be it from

23 thee, Lord; this shall not be unto thee. But he turned and said to Peter, Get thee behind me, thou adversary (d); thou art a stumbling-block to me; for thou regardest not the things which are of God, but those which are of men.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, If any one Matt. x. 38. would come after me, let him deny himself, and

25 take up his cross and follow me. For, whosoever would save his life (e) will lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake will find it.

26 For, what will a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, but forfeit his life? Or what

27 will a man give in exchange for his life? For Dan. vii. 9, 10. the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father, with his angels; and then he will render

28 to each man according to his deeds. Verily, I Luke ix. 27. say to you, there are some of those standing here, who will not taste of death till they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

<sup>(</sup>a) Gr. petros, a piece of rock.
(b) Gr. petro, a rock.
(c) Or congregation, or community.
(d) Or Satan.
(e) Or soul, and so in the following verses.

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AND after six days Iesus took Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up a high mountain apart; and he was transfigured before them; and his face shone as the sun, and his raiment became white as the light. And there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if thou art willing. I will make here three tabernacles: one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. 5

Matt. iii. 17. Deut. xviii. 15.

Rev. i. 16.

Dan. x. 10.

Mal. iv. 5.

Matt. xvi. 21.

Mark ix. 22.

While he vet spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and a voice out of the cloud said. This is My beloved Son in whom I am well PLEASED; HEAR YE HIM. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were sore afraid. Then Jesus went and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And they lifted up their eyes and saw no one, but Iesus only. As they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man has risen from the dead. And the disciples asked him, Why is it that 10

the scribes say that Elijah must first come? He II answered and said, Truly Elijah cometh, and will restore all things. But I say to you, that 12 Elijah has come already, and they knew him not, but did to him whatsoever they would. Likewise also the Son of Man will suffer at their hands. Then the disciples understood that he 13 spoke to them of John the Baptist.

AND when they had come to the multitude. 14 there came to him a man, kneeling to him and saying, Lord, have pity on my son; for he is a 15 lunatic (a), and greatly afflicted; for, ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and ofttimes into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, but 16 they could not cure him.

Jesus answered and said, O faithless and per- 17 verse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, and 18

(a) Or epileptic.

it departed from the child; and the child was 10 cured from that very hour. Then the disciples went to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we

20 cast it out? He said to them, Because ye have Heb. iii. 19. so little faith; for, verily, I say to you, if ye have Matt. xxi. 21. faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye will say to this mountain. Remove hence to vonder place: and it will remove; and nothing will be impossible to vou (a).

AND while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them. The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men;

23 and they will kill him; and the third day he will Matt. xvi. 21. be raised. And they were exceedingly sorry.

WHEN they had come to Capernaum, those who took the half-shekel (b) came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay the half-shekel?

25 He said. Yes. And when he had come into the house, Jesus spoke first and said to him, What thinkest thou, Simon? from whom do the kings of the earth take customs or tribute? from their

26 own children? or from strangers? And when he had answered, From strangers, Jesus said to

27 him, Then the children are free. Notwith- Rom. xiv. 21. standing, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take the first fish which cometh up, and open its mouth, and thou wilt find a shekel; take that, and give it them for me and thee.

Ex. xxx. 13. Ex. xxxviii. 26. Neh. x. 32.

AT that time the disciples came to Jesus saying, Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

And Jesus called a little child to him, and set 3 him in the midst of them, and said, Verily, I say to you, Unless ye be converted, and become as Psa. li. 10. little children, ye will not enter the kingdom of

4 heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greats est in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall

receive one such little child in my name receiveth

(a) Some MSS. add (v. 21) "But this kind goeth not out except by prayer and fasting,"
(b) Or Temple-tax. Gr. didrachma = about two shillings.

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me. But whoso shall cause to fall one of these little ones who believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck, and that he were sunk in the depth of the sea.

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Alas for the world because of occasions of evil!
for it must needs be that occasions come; but
alas for the man through whom the occasion
cometh! If thy hand or thy foot ensnareth
thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee; it is better
for thee to enter, maimed or halt, into life, than
having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the
everlasting fire. And if thine eye ensnareth
thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee; it is
better for thee, having one eye, to enter into life,
rather than having two eyes to be cast into the
hell of fire.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these ro little ones; for I say to you, their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven(a).

What think ye? if a man have a hundred 12 sheep, and one of them go astray, will he not leave the ninety and nine upon the mountains, and go and seek that which has gone astray? And 13 if so be that he find it, verily, I say to you, he rejoiceth more over it, than over the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not 14 the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should be lost.

But if thy brother trespass, go, tell him his 15 fault between thee and him alone; if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he 16 hear thee not, then take with thee one or two more, so that at the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if 17 he refuse to hear them, tell it to the congregation (b); but if he also refuse to hear the congregation, let him be to thee as a heathen man or a collector. Verily, I say to you, Whatever 18 ye shall bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever ye shall loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Verily, I say to you again, If 19 two of you shall agree on earth touching any

(a) Or church.

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1 Cor. xi. 10.

lude 11.

Luke ix. 25.

Jas. v. 20. Lev. xix. 15.

Rom. xvi. 17.

Mark xi. 24.

<sup>(</sup>a) Some MSS. add (v. 11), "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost."

thing that they shall ask, it will be done for them 20 by my Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.

THEN Peter came and said to him. Lord. how often shall my brother trespass against me, and Mark xi. 25.

22 I, forgive him? until seven times? Jesus said to Gen. iv. 24. him, I say not to thee. Until seven times: but.

Until seventy times seven.

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a cer-23 tain king, who would make a reckoning with his 24 servants. And when he had begun to reckon, 2 Kings iv. 1. one was brought to him who owed him ten

25 thousand talents (a). But as he had not wherewith to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold. with his wife and children, and all that he had.

26 and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and entreated him, saying, Have

27 patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then Psa. lxxviii. 38. the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and released him, and forgave him the 28 debt. But that same servant went out, and

found one of his fellow-servants, who owed him a hundred shillings (b); and he laid hands on him. and took him by the throat, saying, Pay 29 whatever thou owest. And his fellow-servant

fell down, and besought him, saying, Have pa-30 tience with me, and I will pay thee. And he would not; but went and cast him into prison,

31 till he should pay the debt. So, when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and went and told their lord all that

32 was done. Then his lord called him, and said Matt. vi. 12. to him, Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all Matt. vi. 14.

33 that debt, because thou desiredst me; shouldest not thou also have had pity on thy fellow-

34 servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due to him.

35 Solikewise will my Heavenly Father do to you, if Pro. xxi. 13. ye from your hearts forgive not each his brother.

AND, when Iesus had finished these savings. he departed from Galilee, and went into the

(a) A talent = about £200.

(b) Or denarii.

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borders of Judæa across the Jordan; and great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

Then certain Pharisees came to him, testing him and saying, Is it lawful to put away one's wife for any cause? And he answered and said. Have ve not read that He who created them at the beginning made them male and female, and said. "For this cause a man shall leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh?" Thus they are no more two, but one flesh; therefore, what God

hath joined, let not man put asunder. They said to him, Why then did Moses com-

mand to give a bill of divorce; and to put her away? He said to them, Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives; but it has not been so always. And I say to you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, unless it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery (a).

The disciples said to him, If the case of the 10 man with his wife is so, it is not good to marry. But he said to them, All cannot receive this say- 11 ing; only those to whom it is given. For there 12 are eunuchs who were so born from their mothers' womb: and there are eunuchs who were made such by men; and there are eunuchs who have made themselves such for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to receive this,

THEN were brought to him little children, 13 that he should lay his hands on them, and pray; and the disciples rebuked them (b). But Iesus 14 said. Suffer the little children to come to me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and 15

departed thence.

let him receive it.

AND, behold, one came to him, saying, Mas- 16 ter, what good thing shall I do, that I may ob-

(a) Some MSS. add, "and he who marrieth a woman put

away, committeth adultery."

(b) The pronoun may be read as meaning either the children or "those who brought them." The latter rendering is found in the AV. at Mark x. 13, but the words "those who brought" are not in the best ancient MSS.

Gen. ii. 24.

Gen. i. 27.

Deut. xxiv. 1.

Matt. v. 32.

Mark x. 13. Luke xviii. 15.

Matt. xviii. 10.

Mark x. 17.



17 tain eternal life? Jesus said to him, Why askest thou me as to what is good? there is One who is good; but, if thou wouldst enter into life, keep

18 the commandments. He said to him, Which? Ex. xx. 12. Jesus said, "Thou shalt not kill"; "Thou shalt not commit adultery"; "Thou shalt not steal";

"Thou shalt not bear false witness": "Honour thy father and thy mother"; and, "Thou shalt Lev. xix. 18. 20 love thy neighbour as thyself." The young

man said to him, All these I have kept; what

21 lack I yet? Jesus said to him, If thou wouldst Luke xii. 33. be perfect, go thy way, sell what thou hast, and give to the poor; and thou shalt have treasure

22 in heaven; and come, follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful; for he was one who had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, Verily, I say 23

to you. It is difficult for a rich man to enter the 24 kingdom of heaven. Again, I say to you, it is 1 Tim. vi. 9. easier for a camel to go through the eye of a

needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom 25 of God. When the disciples heard it, they were

exceedingly amazed, and said, Who, then, can 26 be saved? But Jesus looked upon them and said, With men it is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Then Peter answered and said to him, Behold, 27 we forsook all, and followed thee; what, then,

28 shall we have? And Jesus said to them, Verily, Matt. xx. 21. I say to you, in the regeneration (a), when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ve also who have followed me, shall yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes

20 of Israel. And whosoever hath forsaken houses, Mark x. 20. or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, the same will receive manifold more (b), and will inherit everlasting life.

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But many who are first will be last; and Luke xiii. 30. 30 many last will be first.

For, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a Cant. viii. 11. householder who went out early in the morning

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to hire labourers for his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a shilling (a) a day, he sent them into his vineyard. went out, about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the market-place, and said to them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went. Again, he went out about the sixth and ninth hours, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing, and said to them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They said to him, Because no one hath hired us. He said to them, Go ye also into the vineyard.

Pro. xix. 15. Ecc. ix. 10.

> So when evening had come, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning with the last and going on to the first. And when those who were hired about the eleventh hour came, each received a shilling. But when the first came, they expected that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a shilling. when they had received it they began to murmur against the householder, saying, These last 12 wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal to us who have borne the burden and heat of the day.

Rom. ix. 15.

But he answered one of them and said, 13 Friend, I do thee no wrong; didst not thou agree with me for a shilling? Take that which 14 is thine, and go thy way; I choose to give to this last even as to thee. Is it not lawful for me 15 to do what I will with mine own? Or is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last will be first, and the first last (b). 16

Matt. xxvii. 2.

AND when lesus was about to go up to 17 Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples apart; and he said to them on the way, Behold, we are 18 going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the high priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and will de- 19 liver him to the Gentiles to be mocked, and to be

<sup>(</sup>a) Gr. denarius. (b) Some MSS. add, "For there are many called, but few chosen."

scourged, and to be crucified; and the third day he will be raised.

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee, together with her sons, came to him, worshipping

21 him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said to her, What desirest thou? She said to him. Promise that these my two sons shall sit. one at thy right hand, and the other at thy left,

22 in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said. Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink Luke xii. 50. of the cup of which I shall drink? They said to

23 him, We are able. He said to them, Ye shall indeed drink of my cup; but, to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to give, except to those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.

And when the ten heard it they were moved 24 25 with indignation about the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him, and said, Ye know Luke xxii. 25. that the rulers of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they who are great exercise au-26 thority upon them. It is not so among you; 1 Pet. v. 3.

but whosoever would be great among you, he 27 shall be (a) your minister; and whosoever would be first among you, he shall be (a) your

28 servant: even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom in the stead of many.

AND as they departed from Jericho, a great 30 multitude followed him. And two blind men Matt. ix. 27. sitting by the way side, heard that Jesus was passing by; and they cried out, saying, Have 31 pity on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. And

the multitude rebuked them, that they should hold their peace; but they cried out the more, saying, Have pity on us, O Lord, Son of David. 32 And Jesus stopped, and called them, and said,

33 What would ye that I should do for you? They said to him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. Matt. xxi. 22.

34 And Jesus had compassion, and touched their eves; and immediately the men received sight; and they followed him.

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AND when they drew nigh to Jerusalem, and had come to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; loose them and bring them to me. And if any one say aught to you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and immediately he will send them. This was done that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled,

Zec. ix. 9.

"Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh to thee,

Meek, sitting upon an ass, Even on a colt the foal of an ass."

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus had commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and he sat

thereon.

And the greater part of the multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes who went before him, and those who followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the LORD; Hosanna in the highest!

Psa. cxviii. 26.

AND when he came into Jerusalem, all the city 10 was stirred, saying, Who is this? And the 11 multitudes said, This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee.

And Jesus went into the temple, and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple; and he overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of those who sold doves, and said to them, It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but ye are making it a den of robbers. And the blind and the lame went to him in the temple; and he cured them.

But the high priests and scribes, when they saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children who were crying out in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David, were greatly displeased, and said to him, Hearest thou what these say? Jesus answered them, Yea;

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Isa. lvi. 7. } Jer. vii. 11. } "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Psa. viii. 2. Thou hast perfected praise"?

17 And he left them, and went out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

Now, in the morning as he returned to the city. 18

19 he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the Mark xi. 13. way, he went to it, and found nothing thereon. but leaves only. And he said to it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforth for ever; and the fig 20 tree at once withered away. And when the disciples saw it they marvelled, saving. How was it

21 that the fig tree at once withered away? But Iesus answered and said to them, Verily, verily, I say to you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say to this mountain,

"Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the 1 Cor. xiii. 2. 22 sea," it will be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye will

receive.

AND when he had gone into the temple, the Luke xx. 1. 23 high priests and the elders of the people came to

him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave 24 thee that authority? Jesus answered and said to them, I also will ask you one thing, and if ye tell me that, I also will tell you by what authority

25 I do these things: The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or from men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, "From heaven," he will say to us, "Then

26 why did ye not believe him?" But if we shall say, "From men," we fear the people; for all Matt. xiv. 5. hold John as a prophet.

And they answered Jesus, and said, We do not 27 know.

And he said to them, Neither do I tell you by 28 what authority I do these things. But what Luke xv. 11. think ye? A man had two sons. He went to the first, and said, Son, go work to-day in the 20 vineyard; he answered and said, I go, sir; and

30 went not. And he went to the second, and spoke in like manner; and he answered and said, I will

2 Chr. xxxiii. 12. Ecc. v. 5. not; afterwards he repented, and went. Which 31 of the two did the will of his father?

They said, The latter.

Jesus said to them, Verily, I say to you, the collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For, John came to you in 32 the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the collectors and the harlots believed him; and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not

lsa. v. 1.

not; but the collectors and the harlots believed him; and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterwards so as to believe him.

Hear another parable: There was a man, a 33 householder, who planted a vineyard and

Neh. ix. 26.

Luke vii. 7.

householder, who planted a vineyard, and hedged it round, and dug a wine-press in it, and built a tower; and let it out to husbandmen. and went into a far country; and when the time 34 for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen to receive his fruits. Then the 35 husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. he sent other servants more than the first; and they did to them likewise. But last of all he 37 sent to them his own son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen 38 saw the son, they said among themselves. This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and have his inheritance. So they took him, and cast him 30 out of the vineyard, and slew him. Therefore 40 when the master of the vineyard cometh, what will he do to those husbandmen?

They said to him, He will miserably destroy 41 those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard to other husbandmen who will render him the

fruits in their seasons.

Psa. Caviii. 22. Iesus said to them.

Jesus said to them, Did ye never read in the 42 Scriptures,

"The stone which the builders rejected,

Became the head of the corner;

This is the Lord's doing,

And it is marvellous in our eyes"?

Therefore I say to you, The kingdom of God 43 will be taken from you and given to a nation which will bring forth the fruits thereof. And 44 whosoever shall fall on this stone will be bruised; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will crush him to pieces.

Isa. viii. 14. Dan. ii. 34. Dan. ii. 44. Zec. xii. 3.

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And the high priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, and perceived that he was speaking 46 of them. And they sought to lay hands on him: but they feared the multitudes, because they took him to be a prophet.

AND Jesus answered, and again he spoke in 2 parables, saying to them, The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who made a mar-

3 riage for his son, and sent forth his servants to Luke xiv. 17. call to the marriage those who were invited; but Esther vi. 14.

4 they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell those who have been invited, Behold, I have prepared my breakfast; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all

5 things are ready; come to the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one Psa. cvi. 24. to his farm, and another to his merchandise:

6 and the others took his servants, and treated 7 them shamefully, and slew them. But the king was wroth; and sent forth his soldiers, and destroyed those murderers and burnt up their city.

Then he said to his servants, The wedding is Matt. x. 11. ready, but those who were invited were not

o worthy. Go ye therefore into the crossings of the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid 10 to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good; and the wedding-chamber was filled with guests.

And when the king came in to look at the 11 guests, he saw there a man who had not on a Isa, lxi, 10. 12 wedding garment; and he said to him, Friend,

how camest thou in hither not having a wedding 13 garment? But he was speechless. Then the

king said to the attendants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there Matt. viii. 12. will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

For many are called, but few are chosen. 14

THEN the Pharisees went and took counsel 16 how they might entrap Jesus in his talk. And they sent to him, together with the Herodians, their own disciples, who said, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God

Matt. xvii. 25.

in truth, neither carest thou for any one; for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us 17 therefore. What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, or not?

But Iesus perceived their wickedness, and 18 said, Why do ye test me, ye hypocrites? Show 19 me the tribute money. And they brought him a denarius (a). And he said to them. Whose 20 image is this, and whose the superscription? They said, Cæsar's. Then said he to them, 21 Render, therefore, to Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's; and to God the things which are Gop's.

When they had heard these words, they mar- 22 The same day there came to him Sadducees,

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saying that there is no resurrection; and they 24 asked him, Master, Moses said, "If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up issue unto his brother." Now, 25 there were with us seven brothers; and the first married and died, and, as he had no issue, left his wife to his brother: likewise the second also. 26 and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all 27 the woman died. Of which of the seven, then, 28 will she be the wife in the resurrection? for they all had her. Iesus answered and said to them. 20 Ye err, because ye know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection 30 they neither marry, nor are given in marriage. but are as angels in heaven. But as touching

the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of 32 Isaac, and the Gop of Jacob"? He is the God. not of dead men, but of living.

And when the multitude heard this, they were 33

astonished at his teaching.

But when the Pharisees heard that he had 34 put the Sadducees to silence, they gathered together. Then one of them who was a teacher 35 of the law, testing him, asked him a question, Master, which is the great commandment in the 36

(a) Translated in other places "shilling."

Deut. xxv. 5.

Matt. xviii. 10.

Ex. iii. 6.

37 Law? Jesus said to him, "Thou shalt love the LORD thy GOD with all thy heart, and with all 38 thy soul, and with all thy mind." This is the

30 great and first commandment. The second is

like it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy- Lev. xix. 18.

40 self." On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

While the Pharisees were gathered together, 42 Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of the Christ? whose son is he? They said to him.

43 The son of David. He said to them, How then doth David by the Spirit call him "Lord," saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou on My right hand,

Until I put thine enemies beneath thy feet"?

45 If David then called him "Lord," how is he David's son?

And no one was able to answer him a word: neither durst any one from that day forth question him again.

THEN Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to

2 his disciples, saying, The scribes and the Phari- Mal. ii. 7. 3 sees sit in Moses' seat; therefore do and observe whatsoever they bid you; but do not ye according to their works; for they say, and do Rom. ii. 21.

They bind heavy burdens, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will Acts xv. 10.

5 not move them with their finger. But they do all their works to be seen by men; they make Matt. vi. 1. broad their phylacteries, and enlarge their Num. xv. 38. 6 fringes, and love the best places at feasts, and

the front seats in the synagogues, and greetings 7 in the markets, and to be called by men, "Rabbi" (a).

But be not ye called Rabbi; for, one is your Jas. iii. 1. o Teacher; and ye are all brethren. And call no

one upon earth your father; for One is your Matt. vi. o. 10 Father, the heavenly One. Neither be ye

called masters; for one is your Master, even the 11 Christ. But he who is greatest among you

12 shall be your minister. And whosoever shall Pro. xv. 33.

(a) i.e. Teacher, or Master.

Psa. cx. 1.

exalt himself will be humbled; and he who shall humble himself will be exalted.

But alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, nor do ye suffer to go in those who are entering (a). Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, 15 hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one convert, and when he becomes one, ye make him twofold more a child of hell than yourselves.

John viii. 44.

Alas for you, ye blind guides, who say, "Whosoever sweareth by the sanctuary, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gold of the sanctuary, he is bound." Ye fools and blind! 17 which is greater, the gold, or the sanctuary which sanctifieth the gold? And, "Whosoever sweareth by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift which is upon it, he is bound." Ye blind! which is greater, the gift, or the altar which sanctified the gift? Therefore 20 whoso sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it and by all things thereon. And whoso sweareth by 21

the sanctuary, sweareth by it and by Him who dwelleth therein. And he who sweareth by 22 heaven, sweareth by the throne of God and by

2 Chron, vi. 2.

Matt. v. 34.

Luke xi. 42.

Ex. xxix. 37.

Mark vii. 4.

Luke xi. 44.

Him who sitteth thereon.

Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! 23 for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, but omit the weightier matters of the Law,—justice, mercy, and faithfulness; but these ye ought to have done, while not omitting the others. Ye blind guides, who strain out a gnat, 24 and swallow a came!!

Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but inside they are filled from extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, 26 cleanse first the inside of the cup, that the outside also of it may become clean.

Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, hypo- 27 crites! for ye are like whited sepulchres which

<sup>(</sup>a) Some MSS. give (v. 14), "Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers; therefore ye will receive greater condemnation."

indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but within are full of dead men's bones and of all unclean-Even so ve also outwardly appear 28 ness. righteous to men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Alas for you, scribes and Pharisees, hypo- Acts vii. 52. 2 Q crites! for ye build the tombs of the prophets,

30 and adorn the sepulchres of the righteous, and sav. If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been accomplices with them 31 in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye

testify against yourselves, that ye are the child- 1 Thess. ii. 15.

32 ren of those who slew the prophets. Fill ye up

33 then the measure of your fathers. Serpents. brood of vipers! how can ye escape the judgment of hell?

Wherefore, behold, I send forth to you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them ye will kill and crucify, and some of them ye will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from

35 city to city; that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous, unto the blood of Zachariah (son of Barachiah), whom ye slew be-

36 tween the sanctuary and the altar. Verily, I say to you, All these things will come upon this

generation.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! thou that killest the Luke xiii. 34. 37 prophets, and stonest those who are sent to thee. how often I would have gathered together thy children, even as a hen gathereth her chickens

38 under her wings! But ye would not. Behold, 39 your House is left to you (a). For I say to you, { Jer. xii. 7. ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, { Jer. xxii. 5.

"Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the LORD."

AND Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciples came to him to show 2 him the buildings of the temple. And he answered and said to them, See ye not all these things? Verily, I say to you, there will not be 1 Kings ix. 7.

left here one stone upon another which will not

be thrown down. (a) Some MSS, add, "desolate,"

Gen. iv. 8. 2 Chr. xxiv. 21,

AND as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the 3 disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us, when these things will be; and what is the sign 1 Thess. v. 1. of thy coming, and of the end of the age. Col. ii. 8. And Iesus answered and said to them. Take heed lest any one deceive you. For many will come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and 5 Jer. xiv. 14. will deceive many. And ye will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that ve be not troubled: for these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation. and kingdom against kingdom; and there will 7 be famines and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted, and will kill you; and ye will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will 10 fall away, and will betray each other, and will hate each other. And many false prophets will arise. II 2 Pet. ii. 1. and will deceive many. And because iniquity will abound, the love of most will become cold. But he who endureth to the end, the same 13 shall be saved. Matt. xxviii. 10. And this gospel of the kingdom will be 14 preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then will the end come. Dan. viii. 13. Therefore when ye shall see standing in the 15 Dan. ix. 27. holy place the abomination of desolation spoken Dan. xi. 31. of through Daniel the prophet, (whoso readeth, Dan. xii. 11. let him understand;) then let those who are in 16 Judæa flee to the mountains; let not him who is 17 on the house-top come down to take his goods out of his house; neither let him who is in the 18 Luke xxiii. 20. field turn back to take his garment. But alas 10 for those who are with child, and those who give 20 suck, in those days! And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a Sabbath; for there will be then great tribulation, such as, 21 since the beginning of the world, hath not been until now; no, nor ever again will be. And unless those days should be shortened, 22

Isa. 1xv. 8.

Deut. xiii. 1.

there would no flesh be saved; but, for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened. Then if any one shall say to you, Lo, here is the 23

Christ, or, Here; believe it not. For there will 24

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arise false Christs and false prophets, who will show great signs and wonders; so as to deceive,

25 if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told 26 you beforehand. Wherefore if they shall say to you, "Behold, he is in the wilderness," go not forth; "Behold, he is in the inner chambers,"

27 believe it not. For, as the lightning cometh out Zec, ix, 14. of the east and appeareth even unto the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Wherever the carcase is, there will the vul-

tures be gathered together.

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Immediately after the tribulation of those 20 days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light; and the stars will fall from the heavens, and the powers of the heavens will 30 be shaken; and then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in the heavens. And then will all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the 31 heavens with power and great glory. And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet.

And they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Now learn from the fig tree its parable: When Luke xxi. 29. 32 its branch has now become tender and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; 33 so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things,

34 know that he is nigh, even at the doors. Verily, I say to you, this generation will not pass away.

35 till all these things have come to pass. The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But of that day and hour knoweth no one, no, 36 not the angels of heaven; neither the Son, but

the Father only.

For as the days of Noah were, so will the com- Gen. vii. 4. 38 ing of the Son of Man be. For, as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until 30 the day when Noah entered the ark; and they

knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so will also the coming of the Son of Man

41 taken, and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken, and one is left.

Then two men will be in the field: one is

Isa. xiii. 9. Eze. xxxii. 7. Joel iii. 15.

Luke xii. 30.

Therefore watch: for ve know not on what 42 day your Lord cometh.

But know this, that if the householder had 43 known in what watch the thief would come, he would have been on watch, and would not have suffered his house to be broken into.

Therefore be ye also ready; for, in such an 44 hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.

Matt. xiii. 52.

Matt. xxv. 21.

Who then is the faithful and prudent servant, 45 whom his lord made ruler over his household, to give them their food in due season? Blessed is 46 that servant, whom his lord when he cometh Verily, I say to you, he will shall find so doing. make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord tarrieth; and shall begin to smite his fellow-serv- 40 ants, and shall eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant will come in a day when so he looketh not for him, and in an hour when he is not aware; and will cut him asunder (a), and 51 appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

1 Thess. v. 3.

Psa. xlv. 14.

Dan. vii. 13. Amos iv. 12.

Then will the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their torches and went forth to meet the bridegroom. of them were foolish, and five were wise. For the foolish took their torches, but took no oil with them; whereas, the wise took oil in their vessels with their torches. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry has come, Behold, the bridegroom! go ye out to meet him! Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their torches: the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil; for our torches are going out. But the wise answered, saying, Nay, lest there be not enough for us and for you; go ye rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they 10 went to buy, the bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterwards came 11 also the other virgins, saving, Lord, Lord, open

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<sup>(</sup>a) Possibly, a hyperbolical expression for "scourging." But his having his portion with the unfaithful does not imply that he survives; their portion is a violent death.

12 to us! But he answered and said, Verily, I say Heb. iii. 19. unto you, I know you not.

Watch therefore, for ve know neither the day 13

nor the hour.

For it is like a man going into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered to

15 them his goods. And to one he gave five Rom. xii. 6. talents (a), to another two, and to another one; to each according to his particular ability; and

16 took his journey. Straightway he who had received the five talents went and traded with 17 them, and gained other five. Likewise he who

18 had received the two, gained other two. But he who had received the one, went and dug the

ground, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants Matt. xviii. 23. 20 came, and reckoned with them. And he who had received the five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, Lord, thou didst de-liver to me five talents; behold, I gained five 21 other talents. His lord said to him, Well done, Luke xii. 44. good and faithful servant; thou wast faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over

many things; enter thou the joy of thy lord. 22 He also who had received the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst to me two

talents; behold, I gained two other talents. His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou wast faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou the joy of thy lord.

Then he who had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art Job xxi. 15. a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown. and gathering where thou hast not scattered:

25 and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in 26 the earth; lo, thou hast thy own. His lord answered and said to him, Thou wicked and sloth- Pro. xxvi. 13. ful servant, knewest thou that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I scattered not? 27 Therefore thou oughtest to have put my moneys

to the exchangers (b), and on my coming I should have received mine own with interest.

(a) See note (a), p. 39.

(b) Or money-lenders.

Matt. xiii. 12.

Take therefore the talent from him, and give it 28 to him who hath the ten talents. For, to every 20 one who hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him who hath not. even that which he hath shall be taken away.

Matt. viii. 12.

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into the 30 outer darkness; there will be wailing and gnash-

Matt. xvi. 27.

Psa. cxv. 15.

Isa. lviii. 7.

ing of teeth. WHEN the Son of Man shall come in his glory, 31 and all the angels with him, he will sit upon the

throne of his glory; and before him will be gathered all nations; and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separateth his sheep from the goats; and he will set the sheep at his 33

right hand, but the goats at his left.

Then the King will say to those at his right 34 hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and ye gave me food; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye sheltered me; naked, and ye 36 clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I

was in prison, and ye came to me.

Then will the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? when saw we 38 thee a stranger, and sheltered thee? or naked, and clothed thee? or when saw we thee sick, or 39 in prison, and went to thee? And the King will 40 answer and say to them, Verily, I say to you, inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these

my brethren, ye did it to me.

Then will he say also to those at the left hand. 41 Depart from me, ye cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was 42 hungry, and ye gave me no food; I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and 43 ye sheltered me not; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then will they also answer, saying, Lord, when 44 saw we thee hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to thee? Then he will answer them, saying, 45 Verily, I say to you, inasmuch as ye did it not

Psa. vi. 8. Luke xiii. 27.

Pro. xix. 17.

Zec. iv. 5.

to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

And these will go away into eternal punish-46 ment; but the righteous into eternal life.

WHEN Jesus had finished all these sayings, he 2 said to his disciples, Ye know that after two Mark xiv, i. days cometh the Passover; and the Son of Man is being betrayed to be crucified.

THEN the high priests and the elders of the people came together to the court of the High 4 Priest, who was called Caiaphas; and they con-

sulted how they might take Jesus by subtilty, Psa. ii. 2.

5 and kill him. But they said, Not during the feast, lest there be a tumult among the people.

Now, when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house 7 of Simon the leper, there came to him a woman having an alabaster cruse of very precious oint- John xi. 2. ment; and she poured it on his head as he re-

8 clined at table. But when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, To what purpose is 9 this waste? For this might have been sold for

10 much, and given to some of the poor. Jesus understood, and said to them. Why trouble ye the woman? she hath wrought a good work 11 on me. For ye have the poor always with you; Deut. xv. 11.

12 but me ye have not always. For, in that she poured this ointment on my body, she did it to

13 prepare me for my burial. Verily, I say to you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there also this which she hath done shall be told for a memorial of her.

Then one of the twelve, he who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the high priests, and Matt. x 4.

15 said, What are ye willing to give me? and I will Zec. xi. 12. deliver him up to you. And they agreed with

16 him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

NOW, on the first day of the feast of un- Ex. xii, 18. leavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, say-

ing. Where wouldst thou that we prepare for 18 thee to eat the Passover. He said, Go into the city to such a one, and say to him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Pass-

10 over with my disciples at thy house. And the

Psa. xli. o.

1 Cor. xi. 23.

Jer. xxxi. 31.

Zec. xiii. 7.

Matt. xxviii. 7.

disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and

they made ready the Passover.

Now, when the evening had come, he sat at 20 table with the twelve disciples. And while they 21 were eating, he said, Verily, I say to you, one of you will betray me. And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and began each to say to him, Lord, is it I? And he answered and said, He who dipped his hand with me in the dish, the same will betray me. The Son of Man goeth 24 as it is written of him; but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. Then Judas (who betrayed him) answered and said, Rabbi, is it I? He said to him, Truly hast

thou spoken.

And while they were eating, Jesus took bread, 26 and blessed, and broke, and gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he 27 took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all from it; for this is my blood of the covenant, the blood which is being shed for many for remission of sins. But I say to you, Henceforth, I shall drink of this fruit of the vine no more, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

And when they had sung a hymn, they went 30 out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to 31 them, All ye will fall away from me this night; for it is written, "I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered abroad." But after I have risen, I will go before you into 32 Galilee. Peter answered and said to him, 33 Though all should fall away from thee, yet I will never fall away. Jesus said to him, Verily, I 34 say to thee, This night, before the cock crow,

say to thee, This night, before the cock crow, thou wilt disown me thrice. Peter said to him, Though I should have to die with thee, yet I will not disown thee. Likewise also said all the

disciples.

THEN Jesus went with them to a plot called 36 Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with 37 him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and

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38 began to be sorrowful and sore troubled. Then Psa. cxvi. 3. he said to them, My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch

30 with me. And he went forward a little, and fell Heb. v. 7. on his face and prayed, saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou willest.

And Jesus came to the disciples, and found them asleep, and said to Peter, What, could ye 41 not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, Mark xiii. 33.

that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit

42 indeed is willing (a), but the flesh is weak. went away the second time, and prayed, saying, My Father, if this may not pass away from me,

43 unless I drink it, Thy will be done! And he came again and found them asleep, for their eyes

44 were heavy. And he left them and went away 2 Cor. xii, 8.

again, and prayed the third time, saying the

45 same words again. Then he came to the disciples, and said to them, Sleep (b) on, now, and take your rest! Behold, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sin-

46 ners. Rise, let us be going; behold, he who betraveth me is at hand.

And while he was yet speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great crowd with swords and staves, from the high priests 48 and elders of the people. Now, he who betrayed

him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever 2 Sam. iii. 27. 49 I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail,

50 Rabbi! and kissed him eagerly. And Jesus said to him, Friend, wherefore hast thou come? (c) Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

And one of those who were with Iesus 51 stretched out his hand and drew his sword, and struck the servant of the High Priest, and smote

52 off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, Put back thy sword into its place; for all who take the 53 sword will perish by the sword. Or thinkest

thou that I could not call upon my Father, and he would instantly give me more than twelve

> (a) Or eager. (b) Or, Do ye sleep (c) Or, Do that for which thou hast come. (b) Or. Do ye sleep (a question).

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Luke xxiv. 26. Gen. iii. 15.

Isa. liii. 5.

Mark xiv. 53.

Psa. xxvii. 12.

John ii. 19.

Isa. liii. 7.

Lev. xxiv. 16.

[sa. 1. 6.

Mark xiv. 66.

legions of angels? But how then would the 54 Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

In that hour Jesus said to the crowds, Have ye 55 come out as against a robber, with swords and staves, to take me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and ye took me not. But all this has 56 come to pass that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

AND they who had laid hold of Jesus led him 57 away to Caiaphas the High Priest's, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But 58 Peter followed him afar off to the High Priest's court, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

Now, the high priests and all the council 59 sought for false testimony against Jesus, to put him to death, but found none, though many 60 false witnesses came. But afterwards came two who said, This man said, I am able to destroy 61 the sanctuary of God, and to rebuild it within three days. And the High Priest arose and said 62 to him, Thou answerest nothing; what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus 63 held his peace. And the High Priest said to him, I adjure thee by the Living God, that thou tell us whether thou art the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said to him, Thou hast said (a). But I say 64 to you, Hereafter ye will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of the heavens.

Then the High Priest rent his clothes, saying, 65 He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? ye have now heard the blasphemy. What think ye? They answered 66 and said, He is deserving of death (b). Then 67 they spat in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is 68 he that struck thee? Now, Peter was sitting outside, in the court; 69

(a) Or, It is as thou hast said. (b) Gr, liable to death. (The decision of the Sanhedrim, or High Priests' court.)

and a damsel went to him, saying, Thou also 70 wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou

71 sayest. And when he had gone out into the porch, another damsel saw him, and said to those who were there, This fellow was with

72 Jesus the Nazarene. And again he denied. with

73 an oath. I do not know the man. And after a while those who stood by went to Peter, and said. Surely thou also art one of them; for even

74 thy speech betrayeth thee. Then he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man.

75 And immediately a cock crew. And Peter re- Luke xxii. 31. membered the word that Jesus had said, Before the cock crow, thou wilt disown me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

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WHEN the morning had come, all the high priests and the elders of the people took counsel

2 against Jesus to put him to death; and when they had bound him, they led him away and Isa. liii. 5.

delivered him to Pilate the Governor.

THEN Judas, who had betrayed Jesus, when he saw that he was condemned, repented, and brought the thirty pieces of silver to the high 4 priests and elders, saying, I sinned in betraving innocent blood. And they said. What is that

5 to us? see thou to it. And he cast the pieces of

silver into the sanctuary and departed; and 6 went and hanged himself. But the high priests 2 Sam. xvii. 23. took the pieces of silver, and said. It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, for they are the

7 price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, in which to

8 bury strangers. (Wherefore that field has been called unto this day. The field of blood (a).) Then was fulfilled that which was spoken

through Jeremiah the prophet,

"And they took the thirty pieces of silver, The price of him on whom a price was set, Whom they of the children of Israel did price,

And they gave them for the potter's field. As the Lord directed me."

(a) Gr. Aceldama.

Zec. xi. 13.

Jer. xxxii. 8.

Now, Jesus stood before the Governor. And 11 the Governor questioned him, saving, Art thou the King of the Jews? But Jesus said, Thou 12 sayest truly (a). And while he was being accused by the high priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then Pilate said to him. Hearest thou 13 not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him not a single word: so that 14 the Governor wondered greatly.

Matt. xxvi. 63.

Pro. xxvii. 4.

Acts iii. 14.

Now, at the Feast the Governor was accus- 15 tomed to release unto the multitude (b) one prisoner, whom they would. And they had 16 then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, 17 Pilate said to them. Whom would ve that I release to you? Barabbas? Or Jesus who is called Christ? (For he knew that through 18 malice they had delivered him.)

While he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his ro wife sent to him, saving, Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man; for this day in a dream I have suffered many things because of him.

crucified.

But the high priests and the elders persuaded 20 the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas. and destroy Jesus. The Governor answered 21 and said to them. Which of the two would ve that I release to you? And they said, Barabbas. Pilate said to them, What shall I do then with 22 Jesus who is called Christ? They all said, Let him be crucified! And he said, Why, what evil 23 hath he done? But they cried out the more. saving. Let him be crucified!

Deut. xxi. 6

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail, 24 but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of this man's blood; see ye to it. And all the people answered and 25 said, His blood be on us and on our children! Then he released Barabbas to them: and when 26 he had scourged Iesus, he delivered him to be

Deut. xix. 10.

<sup>(</sup>a) Gr. Thou sayest: a well-known Oriental idiom, implying adoption of the proposition laid down by the previous speaker. (b) Or mob.

Then the soldiers of the Governor took Jesus into the palace, and gathered to him their whole

28 band. And they stripped him, and put on him 29 a scarlet robe. And they platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and a reed into his right hand; and they bent the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the

30 Jews! And they spat upon him, and took the 31 reed and smote him on the head. And after they had mocked him, they took the robe off him, and put on him his own raiment, and led

him away to crucify him.

And as they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; him they impressed to carry the cross of Jesus. And when they had

come to a place called Golgotha (that is to say, 34 Place of a Skull), they gave Jesus to drink wine Psa. lxix. 21.

(a) mingled with gall; and when he had tasted,

(a) mingled with gall; and when he had tasted, 35 he would not drink. And having crucified him, Psa. xxii. 18. they parted his garments, casting lots.

36 And sitting down they kept watch over him

37 there; and they set up, written above his head, the charge against him,

## This is Jesus The King of the Jews.

Then were two robbers crucified with him, Isa liii. 12. one at his right hand and the other at his left.

And those who passed by reviled him, wagging Psa. xxii. 7. 40 their heads and saying, Thou who destroyest the sanctuary and buildest it in three days,

save thyself, if thou art the Son of God, and 41 come down from the cross. Likewise the high priests, with the scribes and elders, mocking him,

42 said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. He is the King of Israel! let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on

43 him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver him Psa. xxii. 8. now, if He will have him; for he said, "I am
 44 the Son of God." The robbers also who were

crucified with him reviled him in like manner.

Now, from the sixth hour, there came dark-

(a) Or (A.V., following some ancient authorities) vinegar.

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ness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And 46

Psa. xxii. 1.

Psa. lxix. 21.

Ex. xxvi. 31.

Mark xv. 30.

about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama, sabachtbani? (that is to say, "My God, my God, why didst Thou forsake me?") Some of those who stood 47 there, when they heard it, said, This man calleth

for Elijah. And straightway one of them ran. 48 and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said. Let alone, let us see whether Eli- 40 jah will come to save him.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud 50

voice, yielded up his spirit.

And the veil of the sanctuary was rent into 51 two from the top to the bottom; and the earth trembled, and the rocks were rent; and the 52 graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and 53 they came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many.

Now, when the centurion and those who were 54 with him watching Jesus, saw the earthquake and those things which were happening, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was a son of God.

And many women were there, looking on from 55 afar, those who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; among whom were Mary 56 the Magdalene, (a) and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Luke xxiii. 50.

WHEN the evening had come, a rich man 57 named Joseph, of Arimathæa, who also himself had been a disciple of Jesus, went to Pilate, and 58 begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded that it should be delivered. And Jo- 59 seph took the body, and wrapped it in clean linen, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he 60 had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. And Mary the Magdalene and the other Mary 6r were there, sitting over against the sepulchre.

Isa. liii. o.

(a) i.e. of Magdala.

Now, the next day, which is the one following the Preparation, the high priests and the Phari-

63 sees came together to Pilate, saying, Sir, we re- Luke xxiv. 6. member that this deceiver said while he was yet

64 alive, After three days I will rise. Command therefore that the sepulchre be secured until the third day, lest the disciples go and steal him away, and say to the people, He has risen from the dead; so the last error will be worse than the

65 first. Pilate said to them, Ye have a guard; go 66 your way, make it as secure as ye can. So they Dan. vi. 17.

went with the guard, and made the sepulchre secure, and sealed the stone.

AND, late on the Sabbath, as it began to dawn towards the first day of the week, Mary Matt. xxvii. 56. the Magdalene and the other Mary went to see

2 the sepulchre. And, lo, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the LORD descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the 3 stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like

4 lightning, and his raiment white as snow; and for fear of him the guards trembled and became

5 as dead men. And the angel answered and said to the women, Fear ye not! for I know that ye

6 seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; Matt. xxvii. 63.

7 for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay; and go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead; and, lo, he goeth before you into Galilee; there ye will see him; lo, I have told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and ran to take word

o to his disciples. And, lo, Jesus met them, and John xx. 19. said, Hail! (a) And they went to him and held to him by the feet and worshipped him. Jesus said to them, Be not afraid! Go, tell my Heb. ii. 11. brethren to go into Galilee; and there they shall

see me. Now, while they were going, some of the guard went into the city, and told the high 12 priests all that had happened. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

(a) Or (lit.) Rejoice! (the common form of greeting).

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Matt. xxvii. 64.

Matt. xi. 27.

Acts ii. 42.

saying, Say ye, "His disciples came by night, 13 and stole him away while we slept." And if this 14 come to the Governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took money, and 15 did as they were instructed. And that saying has been commonly reported among the Jews unto this day.

BUT the eleven disciples departed into Galilee, 16 to the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they wor-17 shipped; but some doubted. And Jesus came 18 and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given me in heaven and on earth. Go ye 19 and make disciples of (a) all the nations: baptizing them into (b) the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always (c), even unto the end of the age.

Matt. xviii. 20.

(a) Or teach.

(b) Or in.

(c) Gr. every day.

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

## MARK

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ As it is written in Isaiah the prophet (a) "Behold, I send My messenger before thy Mal, iii. 1. face.

Who shall prepare thy way;"

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"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Isa. x1. 3. 3 Prepare ye the way of the LORD.

Make His paths straight,"
4 —there came John the Baptizer in the wilder- Matt. iii. 1. ness, preaching a baptism of repentance unto

5 forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Lev. xxvi. 40. Judæa and all they of Jerusalem went out to and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, 6 confessing their sins. And John was clad in camels' hair, with a leather girdle about his

loins: and his food was locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, There cometh after me

he who is mightier than I; the thong of his sandals I am not fit to stoop down and loosen.

8 I baptized you with water; but he will baptize Joel ii. 28. you with the Holy Spirit.

- IN those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized in the Jordan by John.
- 10 And forthwith on coming up from (b) the water, he saw the heavens parting asunder, and the II Spirit descending, like a dove, upon him.

there came a voice from heaven—Thou ART My Psa. ii. 7. BELOVED SON, IN THEE I AM WELL PLEASED.

And immediately the Spirit urged him forth 13 into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and angels ministered to him.

(a) Some authorities have "in the prophets."(b) Or out of.

Matt. iv. 23.

NOW, after John had been cast into prison, 14 Jesus went into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying. The time is fulfilled, and the 15 kingdom of Gop is at hand: repent ve and believe in the gospel.

Matt. iv. 18.

And, as he passed along by the Sea of Galilee. 16 he saw Simon, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And straightway they left the nets and followed him.

AND when he had gone a little further, he saw 10 Tames the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were in the boat mending the nets. And 20 straightway he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired serv-

ants, and went after him.

Matt. vii. 28.

AND they entered Capernaum: and immed- 21 iately on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. And they were astonished at his 22 teaching; for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Luke iv. 33.

And straightway there was in their synagogue 23 a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out. saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus the 24 Nazarene? (a) Hast thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of Gop. 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And the unclean spirit 26 tore (b) him, and cried with a loud voice, and came out of him. And they were all amazed, 27 so that they reasoned together, saying, What is this? A new teaching, with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him. And immediately the fame of him 28 went out everywhere into all the region of Galilee round about.

Matt. viii. 14.

And forthwith, when they had gone out of the 29 svnagogue, they, with James and John, entered the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's 30 wife's mother lay in a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came to her 31

<sup>(</sup>a) Or of Nazareth (so elsewhere).

<sup>(</sup>b) Or convulsed.

and took her by the hand, and raised her up; and the fever left her; and she began to minister to them.

And at even, when the sun had set, they 32 brought to him all who were ill, and those who

33 were possessed by evil spirits. And all the city 34 gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were ill with divers diseases, and cast

out many evil spirits; and suffered them not to speak, because they knew him.

AND in the morning, rising up a great while 35

before day, he went out, and departed into a 36 solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon

37 and they who were with him followed him, and when they had found him, they said to him, They

38 are all seeking thee. And he said, Let us go elsewhere, into the neighbouring towns, that I Isa. lxi. 1. may preach therein also; for to that end I came

39 forth. And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out evil spirits.

AND there came to him a leper, who besought Matt. viii, 2. him, falling on his knees, and saying to him, If

41 thou wilt, thou canst cleanse me. And Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched forth his hand and touched him, and said to him, I will it:

42 be thou cleansed. And forthwith, the leprosy de-43 parted from the man, and he was cleansed. And Psa. xxxiii. 9.

having strictly charged him, Jesus forthwith sent 44 him away, and said to him, See that thou say

nothing to any one; but go, show thyself to the Lev. xiv. 2. priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony to

45 them. But he went out and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, so that Jesus could no more openly enter the city, but was without in desert places; and the people came to him from every quarter.

2 AND after some days he again entered Capernaum; and it was noised that he was in the

2 house. And many were gathered together, so that there was not room for them, no, not about the door; and he spoke the word to them.

Psa. xl. 9.

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And men came to him, bearing one sick with the palsy (a), who was carried by four. And as they could not, for the crowd, bring him to Jesus, they stripped off the roofing where he was; and when they had torn it away, they let down the bed whereon the palsied man was lying. And when Jesus saw their faith he said to the sick with the palsy, Son, thy sins are forgiven.

Now, certain of the scribes were sitting there. and reasoning in their hearts. "Why doth this man speak thus? he blasphemeth: who can forgive sins but one, even Gop?" And immediately Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned among themselves, and he said to them, Why reason ye thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the palsied man, Thy sins are forgiven? or to say, Arise, take up thy bed and walk? But that ye may know that 10 the Son of Man hath authority on earth to forgive sins, (he said to the sick with the palsy,) I II say to thee, arise, take up thy bed, and go to thy And he arose, took up his bed immedi- 12 ately, and went forth before them all; so that they were all amazed; and they glorified GoD. saying, We never saw anything like this.

Acts v. 31.

Acts xiv. o.

John vii. 31.

AND he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted to him, and he taught them. Now, as he passed along, he saw 14 Levi the son of Alphæus sitting at the place of toll, and said to him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. And it came to pass that as Jesus sat at table in Levi's house, many collectors (b) and outcasts also sat with Jesus and his disciples; for there were many, and they followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw him eating with the outcasts and collectors, said to his disciples, How is it that he eateth with the collectors and outcasts? And Jesus heard it, and said to them. Not those who

Matt. ix. 9.

Luke v. 31.

are strong have need of the physician, but those

<sup>(</sup>a) Or paralysed (so elsewhere).(b) Or tax-collectors (so elsewhere).

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who are ill: I came to call, not the righteous, but sinners.

And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting; and some came and said to Jesus. Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? 19 Jesus said to them, Can the companions of the Matt. xxv. 1. bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with

them? as long as they have the bridegroom with 20 them, they cannot fast. But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; and in that day they will fast.

No one seweth a patch of undressed cloth on an old garment; else the filling taketh from it, the new from the old, and a worse rent is made.

22 And no one putteth new wine into old wine- Job xxxii. 19. skins; else the new wine will burst the skins. and the wine and the skins are lost; but they put new wine into fresh skins.

AND he went through the corn-fields on the Sabbath; and his disciples as they went began

24 to pluck the ears of corn (a). And the Pharisees said to him, Behold, why do they on the 25 Sabbath that which is not lawful? And he said

when he and they who were with him had need 26 and were hungry? how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the High Priest, and ate the showbread, to eat which is not lawful except for the priests, and gave also to those who were with him?

to them, Did ye never read what David did 1 Sam. xxi. 6.

And he said to them, The Sabbath was made Neh. ix. 14. 28 for man, and not man for the Sabbath; therefore the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath also.

AND again he entered the synagogue; and a 2 man was there whose hand was withered. And they watched Jesus, whether he would cure him on the Sabbath; that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man who had the withered

4 hand, Stand forth in the midst. And Jesus said to them. Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do Hos. vi. 6.

(a) Or wheat.

Luke xiii. 14.

Matt. xii. 15.

Matt. xiv. 13.

Matt. xiv. 33.

John xv. 16.

John i. 42.

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good, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. Then, looking round about on them with anger, being grieved at the hardness of their hearts, he said to the man, Stretch out the hand! And he stretched it out; and his hand was restored. And the Pharisees went out straightway, together with the Herodians, and took counsel against lesus, how

they might destroy him.

But Jesus with his disciples withdrew to the sea; and a great multitude from Galilee followed. And from Judæa, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumæa, and from across the Jordan, and from around Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great (a) things he was doing, came to him.

And he spoke to his disciples that a small boat should wait on him, because of the crowd, lest they should throng him. For he had cured 10 many; insomuch that as many as had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. And unclean II spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him and cried out, saying, Thou art the Son of God. And he strictly charged them that they should 12 not make him known.

AND he went up on to the mountain, and 13 called to him whom he would; and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, that they 14 might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have authority to 15 cast out evil spirits. So he appointed the 16 twelve: Simon, to whom he gave the name Peter; and James the son of Zebedee, and John 17 the brother of James, (and he named them Boanerges, which is, Sons of Thunder); and 18 Andrew and Philip and Bartholomew, and Matthew and Thomas, and James the son of Alphæus, and Thaddreus, and Simon the Cananzan (b), and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

AND he went into a house. And they could 20 not so much as eat bread, the multitude having come together again. And when his kinsmen 21

(a) Or how many.

(b) Or Zealot.

heard it, they went forth to lay hold on him; Hos. ix. 7. for they said, He is beside himself.

Now, the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub; and by the prince of the evil spirits he casteth out evil

23 spirits (a). And Jesus called the scribes to him, and said to them in parables, How can Satan

24 cast out Satan? And if a kingdom is divided 25 against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And

if a house is divided against itself, that house 26 will not be able to stand. And if Satan has

risen up against himself, and is divided, he can-27 not stand, but hath an end. But no one can

enter a strong man's house and plunder his Isa. xlix. 24. goods unless he first bind the strong man; and

28 then he will plunder his goods. Verily, I say to you, all their sinful deeds and their blasphemies, howsoever they shall blaspheme, will

29 be forgiven to the children of men; save that he who shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit Heb. x. 29. hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an 30 eternal (b) sin (c). (Because they had said, He

hath an unclean spirit.)

And his mother and his brothers came, and, standing outside, sent to him, calling him. And the multitude were sitting about him; and they said to him, Behold, thy mother and thy brothers and thy sisters are seeking for thee and outside. And he answered them, saying, Who

34 are my mother and brothers? And he looked round on those who sat about him, and said,

35 Behold, my mother and my brothers! Whosoever doeth the will of God, the same is my Jas. i. 25. brother, and sister, and mother.

4 I AND he began to teach again by the sea side; and there gathered to him a very great multitude, so that he went and sat in a boat on the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea, on the land.

And he taught them many things in parables, Psa. lxxviii. 2. and said to them in his teaching, Hearken: The

 <sup>(</sup>a) Gr. demons.
 (b) Or age-abiding.
 (c) Or is in danger of a permanent charge of wrong-doing.

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sower went to sow; and it came to pass, as he sowed, some seed fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured it. And some seed fell on the rocky ground where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth; and when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other seeds fell on the good ground, and, springing up and increasing, yielded fruit; and brought forth, thirty-fold, and sixty-fold, and a hundred-fold. And he said. Whoso hath ears to hear, let him

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And when he was in private, those who were 10 about him with the twelve began to ask him about the parables. And he said to them, To 11 you is given the mystery (a) of the kingdom of God; but to those who are without, all things are done in parables; that, "seeing they may 12 see and not perceive; and hearing they may hear and not understand; lest at any time they

should turn back and be forgiven."

And he said to the disciples, Know ye not this 13

parable? how then are ye to know all my parables? The sower soweth the word. And these are the seed by the way side: where the word is sown, and when men have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word which was sown in them. These, likewise, are the seed sown on the rocky ground: those who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness, but, having no root in themselves, endure but for a time; afterwards, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they fall away. And others are 18 the seed sown among the thorns: those who heard the word; yet the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts for other

the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts for other things enter and choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are the seed 20 sown on the good ground: those who hear the

(a) Or hidden knowledge, or secret.

Isa. xxxii. 20.

Jer. iv. 3.

Matt. xiii. 10.

Mark iv. 2.

Isa. vi. 9.

1 Pet. v. 8.

Job xix. 28.

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word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, thirty-fold, and sixty-fold, and a hundred-fold.

And he said to them, Is the lamp brought to be put under the bushel, or under the couch? 22 and not to be set on the lamp-stand? For there is nothing hidden, except that it may be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come to light.

If any one hath ears to hear, let him hear. 23

And he said to them, Take heed what ye hear; with what measure ye mete, it will be measured 25 to you, and yet more will be given you. For, he who hath, to him will be given; and he who hath not, from him will be taken even that which

1 Pet. ii. 2. Matt. vii 2.

And he said, Thus is the kingdom of God, as Matt. xiii. 24. 27 if a man should cast seed on the earth, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

he hath.

28 The earth bringeth forth fruit of itself; first the blade, then the ear; then comes the full wheat

29 in the ear. But when the fruit is ripe, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest has come.

And he said, How are we to liken the kingdom Matt. xiii. 31. of God? or in what parable are we to set it forth?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown on the earth, though the smallest of 32 the seeds which are on the earth, yet when it is sown, grows up, and becomes the greatest of all herbs, and shoots out great branches; so that the birds of the heavens can roost under its

shadow. And with many such parables he spoke the John xvi. 12.

34 word to them, as they were able to hear it. But without a parable he spoke not to them; but in private he expounded all things to his own disciples.

THE same day, when the evening had come, he said to them, Let us pass over to the other 36 side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him with them in the boat as

he was. And there were with him other boats. 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the Matt. viii 24. Psa. lxxxix. o. Psa. xlvi. 2, 3. Job xxxviii, 11.

waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. And he was in the stern, sleeping on 38 the cushion. And they awoke him, and said to him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said 30 to the sea, Peace, be still! And the wind ceased. and there came on a great calm. And he said 40 to them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, 41 and said to each other. Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obev him?

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AND they went to the other side of the sea. into the country of the Gerasenes (a). And when he had left the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could any longer bind him, no, not with a chain; for he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been snapped asunder by him, and the fetters broken into pieces; neither could any one tame him. And constantly, night and day, he was among the tombs and in the mountains, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, and cried with a loud voice and said. What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of Gop Most High! I adjure thee by Gop, that thou torment me not. (For he had said to him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit!) And Jesus asked him, What is thy name? And he said to him, My name is Legion; for we are many. And he besought Jesus earn- 10 estly that he would not send them away out of

the country.

Now there was nigh, on the mountain, a great 11 herd of swine feeding. And the unclean spirits 12 besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter them. And he gave them 13 And they went out and entered the swine; and the herd (about two thousand) ran violently down the steep into the sea, and were

Lev. xi. 7.

Psa, lxxii. 9.

(a) Or Gadarenes.

14 drowned therein. And those who fed them fled and told it in the city and in the country. And the inhabitants went to see what it was that had

15 been done. And they came to Jesus, and saw him who had been possessed by evil spirits and had the legion, sitting, clothed, and in his right

16 mind: and they were afraid. And they who saw it told them how it befell him who was possessed by evil spirits, and also concerning the

17 swine. And they began to entreat him to de- Job xxi. 14. part out of their borders.

18 And as he was entering the boat, he who had been possessed by evil spirits prayed Jesus that 19 he might be with him. And Jesus suffered him not, but said to him, Go to thy house to thy Psa, lxvi, 16, friends, and tell them what great things the LORD hath done for thee, and how He had mercy on 20 thee. And he departed, and began to publish in

Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him: and all marvelled.

WHEN Jesus had passed over again in the 2 I boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to him; and he was near the sea.

And there came one of the rulers of the syna- Matt. ix. 18. gogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, and besought him urgently,

23 saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death; I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be made whole, and live.

24 Jesus went with him; and a great crowd followed him and thronged him.

And a woman who had had an issue of blood 26 twelve years, and had suffered many things from Lev. xv 10. many physicians, and had spent all that she pos- Job xiii. 14. sessed, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew

27 worse, heard of Jesus, and went into the crowd 28 behind and touched his garment. For she said, "If I may touch but his garments, I shall be made

29 whole." And immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was cured of that plague.

And Jesus, immediately perceiving in himself 30 that power had gone forth from him, turned Luke vi. 19. round in the crowd and said, Who touched my



clothes? And his disciples said to him, Thou 31 seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked about 32 to see her who had done that thing. But the 33 woman fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him and told him all the truth. And he said to 34 her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; depart, into peace; and continue sound from

John v. 25. thy plague.

While he was yet speaking, there came from 35 the ruler of the synagogue's house certain who said. Thy daughter is dead; why dost thou still trouble the Master? But Jesus, not heeding the 36 word which was spoken, said to the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And 37 he suffered no one to follow him, except Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And they came to the house of the ruler of the 38 synagogue, and Jesus saw the tumult, and those who wept and wailed greatly. When he had 39 gone in, he said to them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But he put 40 them all out, and took with him the father and the mother of the damsel, and those who were in his company, and entered where the damsel was, and took her by the hand and said to her. 41 Talitba cumi! (which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say to thee, arise!) And immediately 42 the damsel arose, and began to walk; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were And he charged them 43 greatly astonished. strictly that no one should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to

Mark iii. 12.

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John xi. 11.

2 Chron. xx. 20.

AND he went out thence, into his own country; and his disciples followed him. And when the Sabbath had come, he began to teach in the synagogue; and the many who heard him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which has been given to him? and whence are such mighty works as are wrought by his hands? Is not this the

John vi. 42.

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carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were disquieted through him.

But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not with- Matt. xiii. 57. out honour, except in his own country, and among his own kindred, and in his own house.

5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few who were in-

6 firm, and cured them. And he marvelled be- Matt. ix. 35. cause of their unbelief.

AND he made a circuit of the villages, teaching. And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them forth two by two; and he 8 gave them authority over unclean spirits. he charged them to take nothing for their journey, but a staff only; no bread, no wallet, no

o money in their girdles; but, "Be shod with san- Acts xii. 8. 10 dals, and put not on two coats." And he said

to them, Wherever ye enter a house, there abide 11 till ve depart from that place. And whatsoever Neh. v. 13. place shall not receive you, and they hear you not, shake off, when ye depart thence, the dust under your feet for a testimony against them.

And they went out, and preached that men Luke xxiv. 47. 13 should repent; and they cast out many evil Jas. v. 14. spirits, and anointed with oil many who were

infirm, and healed them.

AND Herod the king heard of Jesus; for his name had become known; and men said, John the Baptizer has risen from the dead, and therefore mighty powers show forth themselves in him.

15 But others said, It is Elijah; and others, It is 16 a prophet—like one of the prophets. But Herod, when he heard, said, John, whom I beheaded, has risen.

(For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison be-

cause of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife;
18 for he had married her; for John had said to
Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy Lev. xviii. 16.

brother's wife. Therefore Herodias was in- 10 censed against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: for Herod feared John, 20 knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and protected him; and when he had heard him, he was much perplexed (a), and hearkened to him gladly. And an opportune moment 21 came when Herod, on his birthday, gave a supper to his lords, his high captains, and the chief men of Galilee. Herodias' own daughter came 22 in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat at table with him; and the king said to the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he swore to her, What- 23 soever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went 24 forth, and said to her mother, What am I to ask? She said, The head of John the Baptizer. And she went in immediately with haste to the 25 king, and asked, saying, I desire that thou give me forthwith on a dish the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceedingly sorry; 26 yet because of his oaths, and for the sake of

those who sat at table, he would not refuse her. And immediately the king sent one of his guard and commanded to bring John's head; and the man went and beheaded him in the prison, and 28 brought his head on a dish, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother.

Psa. xxxvii. 12.

Ecc v. 6.

Isa. iii. 16.

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Acts viii. 2.

Luke ix. 10.

AND the apostles gathered unto Jesus, and 30 told him all things, whatsoever they had done, and whatsoever they had taught. And he said 31 to them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while. (For there were many coming and going, and they had not leisure so much as to eat.) And they departed privately 32 in the boat into a desert place.

And when his disciples heard of it, they went 29 and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb).

And many saw them going, and recognised 33 them, and ran together by land, from all the cities, to the place, and outwent them. And he, 34

(a) Or did many things.

when he landed, saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion towards them, because I Kings xxii. 17. they were as sheep not having a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

And when the time was now far spent, his Matt. xiv. 15. disciples went to him and said, This is a desert

36 place, and now the time is far spent; send them away, that they may go into the country and villages round about, and buy themselves some-

37 thing to eat. He answered and said to them, Num. xi. 13. Give ye them to eat. And the disciples said to him. Are we to go and buy two hundred shillings-

38 worth (a) of loaves, and give them to eat? He said to the disciples, How many loaves have ye? go, see. And when the disciples knew, they 39 said, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded

his disciples to make all recline by companies 40 upon the green grass. And they reclined in

41 ranks, by hundreds and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke I Sam. ix. 13. the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and the two fishes he divided 42 among them all. And they all ate and were

43 satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full

44 (b) of the broken pieces and of the fishes. And Matt. xiv. 20. those who had eaten of the loaves were five thousand men.

FORTHWITH he constrained his disciples Matt. xiv. 22. to get into the boat, and to go forward to the other side towards Bethsaida, while he sent 46 away the crowd. And when he had taken leave

of them, he withdrew to the mountain to pray. And when evening had come, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and he was alone on the

48 land. And he saw them distressing themselves in rowing, for the wind was contrary unto them; Jonah i. 13. and about the fourth watch of the night he went to them, walking on the sea; and he would 40 have passed by them. But seeing him walking

on the sea, they thought it was a spirit, and (a) "Shilling" here stands for "denarius" (see Matthew

(b) Or the full measure of twelve hand-baskets.

cried out. For they all saw him and were 50 troubled. And immediately he talked with them and said, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And he went up to them into the 51 boat, and the wind ceased. And they marvelled exceedingly in themselves, for they had 52 not understood about the loaves; but their hearts were hardened. AND when they had crossed over to the land, 53 they came to Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. And when they had come out of the boat, immediately the inhabitants recognised him, and 55 ran through all that country, and began to carry on beds those who were ill, where they heard he was. And wherever he entered, into 56 villages, or towns, or country, they laid the sick in the public places, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched him were made whole. Now the Pharisees and certain of the scribes. 1 having come from Jerusalem, were gathered together to him. And they saw some of his 2 disciples eating bread with defiled (that is to say, with unwashed) hands. (Now, the Pharisees and all the Jews, unless 3 they wash their hands often, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And when they come from market, unless they sprinkle themselves, they eat not. And many other things there are which they have received to hold, as the laving of cups and pots and brazen vessels.) So the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why 5 walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with defiled hands? But he said to them, Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honoureth Me with the lips, But their heart is far from Me. Howbeit, in vain they worship Me, Teaching for doctrines the precepts of men." Laying aside the commandment of God, ve hold the tradition of men. And he said to them, Full well ye reject the

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Matt. ix. 21.

Job ix. 30.

Isa. xxix. 13.

commandment of God, that ye may keep your 10 own tradition. For Moses said, "Honour thy father and thy mother"; and "Whoso revileth

11 father or mother, he shall surely die"; but ye say, "If a man shall say to his father or his mother, Everything wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is Corban" (that is

Ex. xx. 12. Ex. xxi. 17. Deut. v. 16. Pro. xx. 20.

12 to say, an offering to GOD), ye no longer allow him to do aught for his father or his mother;

13 thus making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which ye have delivered; and many such things as these ve do.

Then he called the multitude to him again Pro. viii. 5. and said to them, Hearken unto me every one

15 of you, and understand: there is nothing from Matt. xv. 15. without a man, which, entering him, can defile him; but the things which come out of the man. those are they which defile him (a).

And when he had gone from the multitude into the house, his disciples questioned him con-18 cerning the parable. And he said to them, Are ve also so void of understanding? Do ve not

perceive that whatsoever thing from without entereth the man, it cannot defile him, because

it entereth not into the heart but into the belly. and goeth out into the sewer. (This he said. 20 making all foods clean (b).) And he said, That Acts x. 15. which proceedeth out of the man, that defileth

21 the man. For from within, out of the hearts of 22 men, proceed evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, Gen. vi s. murders, adulteries, covetousness, malevolence,

deceit, lasciviousness, envy, blasphemy, pride, 23 foolishness; all these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.

AND he arose and went thence into the bor-24 ders of Tyre; and he entered a house, and would Matt. xv. 21. have no one know it; yet he could not be hidden.

25 But straightway a woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and went 26 and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek (c), a Syrophænician by race; and she besought

(a) Many MSS. add (v. 16), "If any one hath ears to hear, let him hear."

(b) Or non-polluting.

(c) Or Gentile.

Matt. vii. 6.

Matt. xv. 27.

him to cast the evil spirit out of her daughter. And he said to her, Let the children first be satisfied; for it is not well to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. She answered 28 and said to him, True, Lord; even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said to her, For that saying go thy way; 29 the evil spirit has gone out of thy daughter. And when she had come to her house, she found her child lying upon the bed, and the evil spirit gone out.

Matt. xv. 20.

AND, having gone from the borders of Tyre 31 through Sidon, he came again to the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the borders of Decapolis. Then they brought to him one who was 32 deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought Jesus to put his hand upon him. And Jesus took him aside from the multitude, 33 and put his fingers into the man's ears, and spat, and touched his tongue; and looking up to 34 heaven he sighed, and said to him, **Ephphatba**, that is, Be opened. And his ears were opened, 35 and immediately the bond of his tongue was

Mark vi. 41.

loosed, and he began to speak plainly.

And Jesus charged them that they should tell 36 no one; but the more he charged them, so much the more they published it far and wide; and 37 they were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Matt. xv. 32.

Psa. cxlv. 8.

Ps. cvii. 5.

Matt. xiv. 19.

IN those days, the multitude again being great and having nothing to eat, he called the disciples to him, and said to them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away to their homes fasting, they will faint on the road; and some of them are from afar. And his disciples answered him, Whence can any one satisfy these with bread here in the wilderness? He asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the multitude to recline on the ground; and he took the seven

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loaves, and gave thanks, and broke, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they set 7 the bread before the multitude. And they had

a few small fishes; and he blessed, and com-8 manded to set these also before them. So they ate, and were satisfied; and they took up of the Psa, cvii, 6.

broken pieces which were left seven hampers.

o And there were about four thousand; and he sent them away.

AND forthwith he entered the boat with his Matt. xv. 30. disciples, and came to the district of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees went and, testing him, began to dispute with him, seeking from him a sign

12 from the heavens. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, Why doth this generation seek a sign? Verily, I say to you, there shall no sign

13 be given to this generation. And he left them, and again entering the boat departed to the other side.

Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the boat with them

15 more than one loaf. And he charged the disciples, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven Pro. xix. 27. of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among themselves, because

17 they had no bread. And he knew it, and said to them, Why reason ye because ye have no Luke xii. 1. bread? perceive ve not vet, neither understand?

18 have ye your hearts hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and

19 do ye not remember, when I broke the five Mark vi. 52. loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets

full of broken pieces ye took up? They said to 20 him, Twelve. When the seven, for the four Mark viii. 1. thousand, how many hampers full of broken

21 pieces took ye up? And they said, Seven. And he said to them, Do ye not yet understand?

AND they went to Bethsaida; and some Isa. xxxv. 5. brought a blind man to him and besought him 23 to touch him. And Jesus took the blind man by

the hand, and led him out of the village; and, spitting into his eyes, he laid his hands upon him,

24 and asked him, Seest thou aught? And he

Pro. iv. 18.

looked up, and said, I behold men; for I perceive them as trees walking. Then Jesus laid his 25 hands again upon his eyes; and the man looked stedfastly, and was restored, and saw everything clearly. And Jesus sent him away to his house, 26 saying, Go not even into the village.

Matt. xvi. 13.

Rev. iii. 10.

Matt. x. 38.

AND Jesus and his disciples went out into the 27 villages of Cæsarea Philippi; and on the way he questioned his disciples, saying to them, Who do men say that I am? And they told him, 28 John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, One of the prophets. And he asked 29 them, But who say ye that I am? And Peter answered and said to him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they should tell no 30 one of him.

And he began to teach them, that the Son of 31 Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the high priests and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. And he 32 spoke that saying openly. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him. But he turned and 33 looked on his disciples and rebuked Peter, and said, Get thee behind me, Satan (a); for thou regardest not the things of God but the things

of men.

And he called the multitude to him with his 34 disciples, and said to them, If any one would follow me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would 35 save his life will lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, will save it. For, what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole 36 world, and to forfeit his own life? For what 37 may a man give in exchange for his life? For 38 whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, even of him will the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. And he said to them, I say to you, that verily there are some of those who stand here, who will not taste death till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Matt. xvi. 28.

(a) Or Adversary. 86

AND after six days Iesus took with him Peter Matt. xvii. 1. and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was trans-

3 figured before them, And his raiment became Dan, vii. 9. glistening, exceedingly white, as no fuller on

4 earth can whiten. And Elijah and Moses appeared unto them, and were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make

three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for 6 Moses, and one for Elijah. For he knew not

what to answer, for they became greatly afraid. Dan. x. 15.

7 And there came a cloud, overshadowing them; and a voice came out of the cloud, This is MY

8 BELOVED SON: HEAR YE HIM. And suddenly. when they looked round about, they saw no one any more but Jesus only, with themselves.

And as they came down from the mountain. he charged them that they should tell no one what things they had seen, until the Son of Man 10 should have risen from the dead. And they held fast that saying, questioning among them- Acts xvii. 18.

selves what the rising from the dead could mean. 11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes

12 that Elijah must first come? And he said to Mal. iv. 5. them, Elijah verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how is it written of the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be Psa. xxii. 1. 13 set at naught? But I say to you, that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatsoever

they would, as it is written of him.

Matt. xi. 14. Matt. xvii. 13.

AND they came to the disciples and saw a great multitude about them, and some scribes 15 reasoning with them. And straightway all the multitude, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running up, saluted him.

And he asked them, About what are ye reason- Matt. xii. 22. 17 ing with them? And one of the multitude answered him, Master, I brought to thee my son,

18 who hath a dumb spirit; and whithersoever it taketh him, it teareth (a) him; and he foameth. and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away;

(a) Or convulseth.

Deut. xxxii. 20.

and I spoke to thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able. He answered them, and said, O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him to me.

And they brought him to Jesus; and when the 20 spirit saw him, straightway it tore (a) the child; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed, foaming. Jesus asked his father, How long is it since 21 this first came to him? And he said, From childhood; and many times it hath cast him 22 into the fire and into the waters to destroy him; but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us and help us

on us, and help us.

Jesus said to him, "If thou canst!" All things 23

are possible to him who believeth. Straightway the father of the child cried out, I believe; help thou my unbelief. When Jesus saw that the 25 crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter him no more. And it cried out, and violently tore (a) him, and came out of him; and he became as one dead; so that most of them said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and 27 raised him up; and he arose. And when Jesus 28 had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately. Why could not we cast it out? And 20

way except by prayer.

And they departed thence, and passed through 30 Galilee; and he wished not any to know it. For 31 he taught his disciples, and said to them, The Son of Man is being delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he has been killed, he will rise after three days. But 32 they understood not that saying, and were afraid

he said to them. This kind can come forth in no

to ask him.

John xvi. 19.

AND they went to Capernaum; and being in 33 the house he asked them, What was it that ye were disputing about on the way? But they 34 held their peace; for on the way they had dis-

Mark x. 44.

puted among themselves who was the greatest.

(a) Or convulsed.

Job v. 7.

Isa. xli. 13.

Eph. vi. 18.

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35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and said to them, If any one would be first, the same shall

36 be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them; and when he had taken him into his arms, he said to

37 them, Whosoever shall receive one of such child- Luke ix. 48. ren in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me but Him who

38 sent me. John said to him, Master, we saw one casting out evil spirits in thy name, and he followeth not with us; and we forbade him, be-

30 cause he followeth not with us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not; for no one who shall do a 1 Cor. xii. 1. mighty work in my name will be able straight-

40 way to speak evil of me. For he who is not

41 against us is for us. And whosoever shall give Matt. x. 42. you a cup of water to drink because ye are Christ's, Verily, I say to you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

And whosoever shall put a snare for one of these little ones who believe, it were better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck

43 and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand Deut. xiii. 6. ensnare thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter into life maimed than, having thy two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable

45 fire (a). And if thy foot ensnare thee, cut it off; Matt. iii, 12. it is better for thee to enter into life halt, than having thy two feet, to be cast into hell (a).

47 And if thine eye ensnare thee, pluck it out; it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than, having two eyes, to be

48 cast into hell; where their worm dieth not, and Isa. lxvi. 24. 40 the fire is not quenched. For every one will

50 be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if the salt Lev. ii. 13. hath lost its saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.

AND he arose and went thence into the bor-10 ders of Judæa and beyond the Jordan; and the

<sup>(</sup>a) The words of verses 44 and 46 will be found in verse 48, the only place in which they are inserted by the best ancient authorities.

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Matt. xix. 1.

people resorted to him again, and, as he was wont, he taught them. And some Pharisees came to him, and, testing

Deut. xxiv. 1. Gen: i. 27. Gen. ii, 24.

him, asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? And he answered and said to them, What did Moses command you? They said. Moses allowed a man to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away. And Jesus said to them, For the hardness of your hearts he wrote you that precept. But, from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and female. For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and the two shall become one flesh; so then they are no more two, but one Therefore what God joined, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples 10 asked him of the same matter. And he said to 11 them, Whosoever shall put away his wife and

Matt. v. 32. Luke xvi. 18. marry another, committeth adultery against her; and if she shall put away her husband and be 12 married to another, she committeth adultery. And they were bringing little children to him, 13

Luke xviii. 15. Matt. xviii. 10.

Matt. xix. 13.

that he should touch them; but his disciples rebuked (a) them. But when Jesus saw it, he was 14 greatly displeased, and said to the disciples, Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of GoD. Verily, I say to you, whosoever receiveth not the 15 kingdom of God as a little child doth, he will in no wise enter it. And, having taken them up in his 16 arms he laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Matt. xix. 10.

AND as he was going forth into the way, there 17 came one running, and knelt to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? Jesus said to him, Why 18 callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the command- 10 ments, "Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and thy mother." And he 20 said to him, Master, all these I have observed

Ex. xx. 1-17.

(a) The words "those who brought," which in the Authorized Version, and in some ancient versions, are inserted here, are not in the best ancient MSS. (see note on Matt. xix. 13). 21 from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said to him. One thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and Luke xii. 33. give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in 22 heaven; and come, follow me. And he was

grieved at that saving, and went away sorrowful; for he was one who had great possessions.

23 Iesus looked round, and said to his disciples. With what difficulty will those who have riches Job xxxi. 24.

enter the kingdom of Gop!

And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Iesus answered them again and said, Children. how hard it is to enter the kingdom of GoD!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom

26 of God. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying among themselves, Who, then,

27 can be saved? Jesus looked upon them and said, With men it is impossible, but not with God: Gen. xviii. 14. for with God all things are possible.

Peter began to say to him. Lo. we forsook all 29 and followed thee. Jesus said, Verily, I say to you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands,

30 for my sake and the gospel's, but shall receive a hundred-fold now in this time-houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and, in the age to

31 come, eternal life. But many who are first will Matt. xx. 16. be last, and the last first.

NOW, they were in the way, going up to Jeru-32 salem; and Jesus went before them; and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were And he took again the twelve, and began Luke xviii. 31. to tell them what things would happen to him, 33 saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the

Son of Man will be delivered to the high priests and scribes; and they will condemn him to death, 34 and will deliver him to the Gentiles, and will

mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise. AND James and John, the sons of Zebedee, 35

went to him, saying to him, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall ask thee. And he said to them, What 36 would ye that I should do for you? They said 37 to him, Grant us that we may sit, one at thy right hand and the other at the left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said to them, Ye know not 38 what ye ask; can ye drink of the cup of which I drink? or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized? And they said to him, 39 We can. Then Jesus said to them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup of which I drink; and ye shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized: but to sit at my right hand, or at 40 the left hand, is not mine to give, except to those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten 41 heard it they began to be displeased with James and John.

But Jesus called them to him and said to them, 42 Ye know that those who are regarded as rulers over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But it is not so among you; but whosoever would become great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever would be chief 44 among you, shall be the servant of all. For even 45 the Son of Man has come not to be ministered to.

the Son of Man has come not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom in the stead of many.

AND they went to Jericho; and as he was 46 going out of Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, a blind beggar, Bar-timæus (the son of Timæus), was sitting by the way side. And when he heard that it was Jesus the Naza- 47 rene, he began to cry out and to say, Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me. And many charged 48 him to hold his peace; but he cried a great deal the more, Thou Son of David, have pity on me. Jesus stopped, and said, Call him. And they 49 called the blind man, saying to him, Be of good courage, arise; he calleth thee. And he, casting 50 away his garment, sprang up and went to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said to him, What 51 wouldest thou that I should do to thee? The blind man said to him, Rabboni, that I may receive sight. And Jesus said to him, Go thy 52

Jer. xxix. 13. John xi. 28.

Jas. iv. 3.

Matt. x. 25.

Luke xxii. 25.

John xiii 14.

Matt. xx. 20.

Phil. iii. 9.

way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received sight, and followed lesus in the way.

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AND as they drew near to Jerusalem, towards Matt. xxi. r. Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. 2 he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, Go into the village over against you, and as soon as ye have entered ye will find a colt tied, whereon 3 never man sat; loose it and bring it. And if any one say to you, Why do ye that? say, The Lord Luke xix. 31. hath need of it, and will send it back hither

4 shortly. And they went their way, and found a colt tied at a door, outside in the street; and

5 they loosed it. And certain of those who stood there said to them. What do ye, loosing the colt?

6 And they said to them even as Jesus had said; 7 and they let the disciples go. And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on it; Zec. ix. o.

8 and he sat upon the colt. And many spread their garments in the way; and others branches,

o cutting them from the fields. And those who went before, and those who followed, cried,

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Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the LORD;

Blessed is the kingdom that cometh, the kingdom of our father David. Hosanna in the highest!"

Psa. cxlviii. 1.

11 And he went into Jerusalem, to the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things, and the eventide had come, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

On the morrow, when they had gone out from Matt. xxi. 18.

13 Bethany, he was hungry; and seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he went to it, if haply he might find any fruit thereon; and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for it was not Isa. v. 7. 14 the time for figs. And he answered and said to

it, No one eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

And they went on to Jerusalem; and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out Deut. xiv. 25. those who sold and those who bought in the temple; and he overthrew the tables of the

Isa. lvi. 7. } Jer. vii. 11. }

Matt. vii. 28.

moneychangers, and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not suffer any one to carry 16 a vessel through the temple; and he taught, 17 saying to them, Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"?—but ye have made it "a den of robbers." And the high priests and the scribes 18 heard it, and sought how they might destroy him; for they feared him, for all the multitude were astonished at his teaching.

And when it was evening they went out of the 19

city.

passes (a).

And as they passed by in the morning, they 20 saw that the fig tree was dried up from the roots. And Peter, calling to remembrance, said to him, 21 Rabbi, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. Jesus answered and said to 22 them, Have faith in God. Verily, I say to you, 23 whosoever shall say to this mountain, "Be thou lifted up, and be thou cast into the sea"; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; so shall it be for him. Therefore I say to you, all things 24 whatsoever, for which ye pray and ask, believe that ye received them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have 25 aught against any one; that also your Father who is in heaven may forgive you your tres-

Luke xvii. 6.

Col. iii. 13.

Matt. xxi. 23.

Num. xvi. 3.

THEY went again to Jerusalem, and as he was walking in the temple, the high priests and the scribes and the elders came to him and said, By what authority doest thou these things? 28 or who gave thee this authority to do them? Jesus said to them, I will ask you one question; 29 and answer ye me; then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of 30 John, was it from heaven? or from men? answer me. And they reasoned among themselves 31 saying, If we shall say, From heaven, he will say,

<sup>(</sup>a) Some authorities add (v. 26).—"But if ye do not forgree, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses."

32 Why then did ye not believe him? But shall we say, From men?—they feared the multitude; for, indeed, all men counted John to have been Mark vi. 20.

33 a prophet. And they answered and said to Jesus, We do not know. Then Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

AND he began to speak to them in parables:— A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about Isa, v. I. it and dug a pit for the wine-press and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went 2 into a far country. And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that he might receive from them some of the fruits of the 3 vineyard And they took and beat him, and Neh. ix. 30.

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4 sent him away empty-handed. And he sent to them another servant; and him they wounded

5 in the head, and shamefully treated. And he sent another; and him they killed, and many

6 others—beating some, and killing some. One yet he had, a beloved son; him he sent last to them, saying, "They will reverence my son."

7 But those husbandmen said among themselves. "This is the heir, come let us kill him, and the 8 inheritance will be ours." And they took him

and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. Heb. xiii. 12.

o What will the owner of the vineyard do? He Isa. v. 5. will come and destroy those husbandmen, and

10 will let the vineyard to others. Have ye not Psa. exviii. 22

read this scripture. "The stone which the builders rejected. The same became the head of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing.

And it is marvellous in our eyes"?

12 And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared John vii. 30. the multitude; for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them. And they left him and went their way.

AND they sent to him certain of the Pharisees Matt. xxii. 15 and of the Herodians to entrap him by his talk.

14 And they went and said to him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest not for any man; for thou regardest not the person of men. Matt. xvii. 25.

but teachest the way of God in truth; Is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, or not? Should use give, or should we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them. Why tempt ye me? Bring me a denarius, that I may see it. And they brought it. He said to them, Whose it is this image, and whose the superscription? They said to him, Cæsar's. Then Jesus said to 17

Rom. xiii. 7.

And they brought it. He said to them, Whose 16 is this image, and whose the superscription? They said to him, Cæsar's. Then Jesus said to 17 them, Render to Cæsar the things which are Gæsar's, and to God the things which are God's. And they marvelled at him.

Then came to him the Sadducees, (who say 18

Deut. xxv. 5.

Ruth i. 11.

that there is no resurrection.) and they asked him: Master, Moses wrote for us, that if a man's 19 brother die, and leave his wife, and leave no child, his brother should take the wife, and raise up issue unto his brother. There were 20 ceven brothers; and the first took a wife and

child, his brother should take the wife, and raise up issue unto his brother. There were 20 seven brothers: and the first took a wife and dying left no issue. And the second took her, and 21 died, without leaving any issue; and the third likewise. And the seven left no issue; last of all the 22 woman also died. In the resurrection, when they 23 rise, of which of them will she be the wife? for

1 Cor, xv. 42.

the seven had her as wife. Jesus said to them, 24 Is not this why ye err, that ye know neither the Scriptures, nor the power of Gop? For, once 25 they have risen from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage; but are as

Ex. iii. 6.

angels in heaven. Now, as to the point of the 26 dead rising, have ye not read in the book of Moses, at The Bush (a), that God spoke to him, saying, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is a God, 27 not of dead men, but of living; ye do greatly

err.

AND one of the scribes came near, and, having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, What commandment is the first of all things? Jesus answered, The first is, "Hear, O Israel; 29 the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt 30 love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and

Deut. vi. 4.

with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and

(a) i.e. that part of the book of Exodus.

31 with all thy strength." The second is this, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Lev. xix. 18, There is no commandment greater than these.

32 The scribe said to him, Of a truth, Master, thou hast well said: He is one, and there is no other; Deut. iv. 30.

33 and to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbour as oneself, is far more than all whole burnt-offerings and sacri- 1 Sam. xv. 22.

34 fices. And when Jesus perceived that he answered discreetly, he said to him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no one after that durst ask him any question.

But Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that the 36 Christ is the Son of David? David himself said

by the Holy Spirit,

Psa. cx. 1.

"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou at My right hand,

Until I put thine enemies beneath thy feet." 37 David himself called him Lord; whence then is

he his son?

And the common people (a) heard him gladly. Matt. xxiii 3. 38 And he said in his teaching, Beware of the scribes, who like walking about in long robes.

39 and salutations in the market-places, and the front seats in the synagogues, and the best 40 places at feasts; who devour widows' houses, and

for a pretence make long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation.

And he sat over against the treasury, and 41 beheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury; and many who were rich cast in much.

42 And there came a poor widow, and she threw in 2 Cor. viii 2. 43 two mites (which make a penny). And he called to him his disciples and said to them, Verily, I say to you, this poor widow cast in more than all those who are casting into the

44 treasury. For they all cast in out of their abund- 1 Chron. xxix 3. ance; but she out of her penury cast in all that

she had, even all her living.

AS he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, Master, see, what stones and

(a) Gr. the great multitude, "the masses."

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what buildings! And Iesus said to him. Seest thou these great buildings? there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be thrown down.

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And as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives. over against the temple, Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew asked him privately, Tell us, when will these things be? and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be

fulfilled?

But Iesus began to say to them. Take heed lest any one deceive you; many will come in my name, saying, I am he; and will deceive manv. And when we shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be not troubled; these things must come to pass; but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in divers places: there will be famines.

These are the beginning of sorrows.

But take heed to yourselves; they will deliver you up to councils; and ye will be beaten in synagogues: and ve will be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony to And the gospel must first be preached 10 to all nations. And when they shall deliver you ii up and lead you away, be not anxious beforehand what ye shall speak; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye; for ye are not the speakers, but the Holy Spirit speaks. And brother will betray brother to death, and 12 the father his child; and children will rise up against their parents, and put them to death. And ye will be hated by all men for my name's 13 But he who endureth to the end will be saved.

But when ye shall see the abomination of 14 desolation standing where it ought not to belet him who readeth understand—then let those who are in Judæa flee to the mountains; let him 15 who is on the housetop not go down, neither enter to take any thing out of his house; and let 16 him who is in the field not turn back to take up his garment.

But alas for those who are with child, and for 17

Jer. xxix. 8.

Matt. x. 17.

Matt. xxviii. 19.

Dan. viii. 13. Dan. ix. 27. Dan. xi. 31. Dan, xii. 11.

18 those who give suck in those days! And pray ve

10 that it be not in the winter. For in those days there will be tribulation, such as, from the Dan xii. I. beginning of the creation which God created. never has been until now, nor ever will be again.

20 And unless the LORD had shortened those days. no flesh would be saved.

But, for the sake of the elect, whom He chose. He shortened the days.

And then if any one shall say to you, "Lo! Luke xvii. 23. here is the Christ"; "Lo! there"; believe it not;

22 but false Christs and false prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it 23 were possible, even the elect. But take heed;

I have foretold you all things.

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give Dan, xii, 1.

25 her light. And the stars will fall from the Joel iii, 15.

heavens, and the powers which are in the 26 heavens will be shaken. And then men will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great Mark xiv. 62. power and glory.

And then he will send the angels, and will 27 gather the elect from the four winds, from the utmost part of the earth to the utmost part of the heavens.

Now learn from the fig tree its parable: When its branch has now become tender, and putteth

20 forth leaves, ve know that summer is near: So. in like manner, when ye shall see these things coming to pass, know ye that it is nigh, at the 30 doors. Verily, I say to you, this generation will

not pass away till all these things have come to 31 pass. The heavens and the earth will pass away;

but my words will not pass away.

Isa. xl. 8.

But of that day or hour no one knoweth: not even the angels in heaven know, neither knoweth the Son, but the Father only.

Take heed, be wakeful; for ye know not when Luke xii. 40.

34 the time is. For it is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, to each man his work, and com-

35 manded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the Matt. xxv. 5. house cometh, at evening, or at midnight, or at

the cock-crowing, or in the morning; lest, com- 36 ing suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I 37 say to you I say to all, Watch.

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AFTER two days was the feast of the Passover and of unleavened bread; and the high priests and scribes were seeking how they might take Jesus by subtilty, and put him to death. For they said, "Not during the feast, lest there

be a tumult of the people.

And while he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table. there came a woman having an alabaster cruse of ointment of spikenard very precious; she broke the cruse, and poured the ointment on his head. And there were some who had indignation among themselves-"Why was this waste made of the ointment? for this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred shillings (a), and given to the poor." And they murmured against her. But Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye can do them good; but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could; she hath been beforehand in anointing my body for the burial. And verily, I say to you, wheresoever the gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also which she

Luke xxii. 3.

Deut. xv. 11.

Matt. xxvi. 6.

hath done will be told for a memorial of her. And Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, 10 went to the high priests to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and 11 promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

Ex. xii. 8.

AND on the first day of unleavened bread 12 (when they used to sacrifice the Passover), his disciples said to him, Where wouldst thou that we go and make ready that thou mayest eat the Passover? And he sent two of his disciples and 13 said to them, Go into the city, and there will meet you a man carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. And where he goeth in, say ye to 14

Heb. ix. 13.

(a) Or denarii. (See Matt. xviii. 28.)

the householder, "The Master saith, Where is my guest-chamber, in which I am to eat the Pass-15 over with my disciples?" And he will show you a large upper-room, furnished and prepared;

16 and there make ye ready for us. And the disciples went forth and came into the city, and John xvi. 4. found as he had said to them; and they made

ready the Passover. 17 ' And when it was evening he went, together 18 with the twelve. And as they sat at table and were eating, Jesus said, Verily, I say to you, one of you will betray me, even he who eateth with Psa. xli. 9.

10 me. They began to be sorrowful, and to say to 20 him one by one, Is it I? And he said to them,

It is one of the twelve; he who dippeth with me 21 in the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but alas for that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! good were Matt. xviii. 6. it for that man if he had not been born.

AND as they were eating, Jesus took bread, 22 and blessed, and broke, and gave to them, and

23 said, Take ye; this is my body. And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them; and

24 they all drank from it. And he said to them. This is my blood of the covenant, the blood 1 Cor. x. 1.

25 shed for many. Verily, I say to you, I shall drink of the fruit of the vine no more, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

And Iesus said to them, All ye will fall away; for it is written, "I will smite the shepherd, and Zec. xiii. 7.

28 the sheep will be scattered." Howbeit, after I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee. 29 But Peter said to him, Even if all should fall

30 away, yet will not I. And Jesus said to him, Verily, I say to thee, this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou wilt disown me

31 thrice. But Peter went on speaking vehemently, If I must die with thee, I will in nowise disown thee. Much the same also said they all.

AND they went to a plot called Gethsemane; Matt. xxvi 36. and Jesus said to his disciples, Sit ye here, while 33 I pray. And he took with him Peter, and James,

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John xii. 27.

Heb. v. 7.

and John, and began to be greatly amazed, and full of heaviness; and he said to them, My soul is 34 exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch. Then he went forward a 35 little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if

it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible 36 with Thee; take away this cup from me; never-

theless not as I will, but as Thou willest.

And he came and found them sleeping, and 37 said to Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest thou not watch one hour? Watch and pray, 38 that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Again 39 he went away and prayed, saying the same took and when he come again the found to

words. And when he came again he found 40 them asleep, for, their eyes were heavy, neither knew they what to answer him. He came the 41 third time, and said to them, Sleep on now, and take your rest! It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed

come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Arise; let us be 42 going; lo, he who betrayeth me is at hand.

And immediately while he was yet speaking, 43

there came Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a multitude from the high priests and scribes and elders, with swords and staves. Now, he who betrayed him had given them a 44 token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he; take him and lead him away safely. And 45 he went straightway to Jesus, and said, Rabbil and kissed him eagerly. And they laid their 46 hands on him, and took him. And one of those 47 who stood by drew his sword, and smote the servant of the High Priest, and cut off his ear. Jesus answered and said to them, Ye have come out as against a robber, with swords and with staves, to take me. I was daily with you in the 49 temple, teaching, and ye took me not. But this

Then they all forsook him, and fled.

And there followed him a young man, having 51 a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and they laid hold of him; but he left the linen cloth, 52 and fled away naked.

is done that the Scriptures may be fulfilled.

Rom. vii. 18.

Matt. xxvi. 47.

Luke vi. 46.

Psa. xxii. 1. (Isa. liii. 3.

And they led Jesus away to the High Priest; Matt. xxvi. 57. and all the high priests and the elders and the 54 scribes were assembled. And Peter had followed

him at a distance, even inside, into the court of the High Priest; and he was sitting in the firelight with the officers, and warming himself.

Now, the high priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to 56 death; but found none. For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony agreed And certain men stood up and bore false

58 witness against him, saying, We heard him say, "I will destroy this sanctuary which was made Mark xv. 20. by hands, and within three days I will build

50 another made without hands." But neither in

this did their witness agree.

And the High Priest stood up in the midst, 60 and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? Psa, xxxix, o.

61 what is it that these testify against thee? But Jesus held his peace and answered nothing. Again, the High Priest asked him, and said, Art

62 thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and Dan. vii. 13.

63 coming with the clouds of the heavens. Then the High Priest rent his clothes, and said, What Isa. xxxvii. 1. 64 further need have we of witnesses? Ye heard

the blasphemy; what think ye?

And they all condemned him to be deserving of 65 death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face and buffet him and to say to him, Mark xv. 19. Prophesy! And the servants struck him with the palms of their hands.

AND while Peter was below in the court, there 67 came one of the maids of the High Priest; and Matt. xxvi. 69. when she saw Peter warming himself she looked

upon him and said, Thou also wast with Jesus 68 the Nazarene. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest.

69 And he went out into the porch. And the maid

saw him, and began to say again to those who 70 stood near. This is one of them. And he denied it again. A little later, those who stood by said to Peter. Surely thou art one of them: for thou Acts ii. 7.

71 also art a Galilæan. But he began to curse, and

to swear, I know not this man of whom ye speak, And immediately a cock crew the second time. 72 And Peter called the word to mind, how Jesus had said to him. Before the cock crow twice. thou wilt disown me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

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AND as soon as it was morning the high priests and the whole council arranged a consultation with the elders and scribes, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, Art thou the king of the Jews? And he answering said to him, Thou sayest truly. And the high priests were accusing him of many things. And Pilate again questioned him, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold of how many things they accuse thee! But Jesus still answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

Isa. liii. 7. John xix. 9.

> Now, at the Feast he used to release to them one prisoner, whomsoever they begged of him. And there was the man called Barabbas, who lay bound with those who had made insurrection, men who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude went up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do for them. But Pilate answered them, saying, Would ye have me release unto you the king of the lews? (For he began to see that for envy the high ro priests had delivered him.) But the high priests 11 stirred up the multitude, that he should rather release Barabbas to them.

Pro. xxvii. 4.

And Pilate answered and said again to them, 12 What shall I do then unto him whom ye call the king of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him! But Pilate said to them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out vehemently, Crucify him! So Pilate, wishing to content the multitude, released Barabbas to them; and after he had scourged Jesus, he de-livered him to be crucified.

Isa. liii. 9.

THEN the soldiers led him away inside the court, which is the palace, and called together the whole band. And they clothed him with purple; and plaited a crown of thorns, and put it

Matt. xxvii. 27

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18 on him. And they began to salute him, Hail, 19 King of the Jews! Then they smote him on the Mark xiv. 65. head with a reed, and spat upon him, and bowing

20 their knees, worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took the purple off him, and put on him his garments, and led him out

21 to crucify him. And to carry his cross, they impressed a passer-by, who was coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene—the father of Alexander and Rufus.

And they brought Jesus to the place Golgotha,

(which is, being interpreted, Place of a Skull), Luke xxiii. 33.

23 and offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but

24 he received it not. And they crucified him. and divided his garments, casting lots upon them

25 to see what each should take. And when they 26 crucified Jesus it was the third hour. And above him was written the inscription of the charge against him,

## The King of the Jews.

27 And with him they crucified two robbers; one Isa. liii. 12. at his right hand, and the other at his left (a).

And those who passed by railed on him, 20 wagging their heads, and saying, Ah! thou who

destroyest the sanctuary and buildest it in Mark xiv. 58. 30 three days, come down from the cross and save

31 thyself. Likewise also the high priests spoke mockingly among themselves with the scribes, saying, He saved others; himself he cannot

32 save; let the Christ the king of Israel come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe. Rom. iii. 3. And those who were crucified with him reviled

33 him. And when it was the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land, until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtbani? (which is, being interpreted, My God, My God,

35 why didst Thou forsake me?) And some of Psa. xxi. 1. those who stood by, when they heard it, said, Lo!

36 he calleth for Elijah. And one ran and filled a

(a) Most of the ancient MSS. of this Gospel omit v. 28, "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors."

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Matt. xxvii. 50.

Psa. xxxviii. 11.

Luke viii. 2.

sponge with vinegar, and having put it on a reed, gave him to drink, saying, Let alone, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down. Then Jesus uttered a loud cry, and gave up his 37 spirit. And the veil of the sanctuary was rent 38

into two parts from the top to the bottom. And the centurion who was standing by, facing 39 him, when he saw that Jesus so gave up his spirit, said, Truly this man was a son of God.

And, looking on from afar, there were also 40

some women; among whom were Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joseph, and Salome—those who, 41 when he was in Galilee, followed him and ministered to him; also many other women who

had come up with him to Jerusalem.

And the evening having now come, as it was 42 Luke ii. 25. the Preparation (that is, the Sabbath-eve),

Joseph of Arimathæa, a councillor of honourable 43 estate who himself also was waiting for the kingdom of God, went in boldly to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate won- 44 dered whether he were already dead; and, calling to him the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus had been any while dead. And 45 when he knew it from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. And Joseph bought fine 46

linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone to the door of the tomb. And Mary the Magdalene 47

and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

Mark xvi. 3.

Luke xxiii. 56.

WHEN the Sabbath was past, Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying among themselves, Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb? And as they looked up, they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was exceedingly great. And entering the tomb.

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they saw sitting at the right side a young man clothed in a white robe; and they were affrighted.

6 But he said to them, Be not affrighted; ye seek Psa. lxxi. 20. Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified; he has risen; he is not here; behold, the place where 7 they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee; there ye will see him, even as he said 8 to you. And they went out, and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

(a) NOW when he had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary the Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven evil to spirits. And she went to those who had been with him, and told them as they mourned and 11 wept. But they, when they heard that he was

alive and had been seen by her, believed not. Luke xxiv. 25.

12 After that, he appeared in a different form to two of them, as they walked and were going into 13 the country. And they went and told it to the

others: and these believed them not.

AFTERWARDS he appeared to the eleven as they sat at table, and he upbraided them with their Luke xxiv. 36. unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not those who had seen him after he had 15 risen. And he said to them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole Rom. x. 18.

16 creation. He who believeth and is baptised will be saved; but he who believeth not will be con- Acts xvi. 31.

17 demned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In my name they will cast out evil 18 spirits, and will speak in new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly Acts xxviii. 3. poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay

hands on the sick and they will recover. So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken

to them, was received up into heaven, and sat Luke xxiv. 51.

(a) Verses 9-20 are missing from two of the oldest MSS. the Codex Sinaiticus and the Codex Vaticanus, but are found in most of the others.

down at the right hand of God. And they went 20 forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and, by the signs which followed, confirming the word. (a)

(a) Some authorities give (instead of verses 9-20) the following ending to this Gospel:—"Now all things which were commanded to Peter's companions, they set forth concisely. And afterwards Jesus himself sent by their hands from east even to west, the holy and incorruptible preaching of the eternal salvation."

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

## LUKE

- 1 r FORASMUCH as many have undertaken to draw up a narrative of those things which
  - 2 are most surely believed (a) among us, even as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of John xv. 27.

3 the word; it seemed good to me also, having accurately traced all things from the beginning, to write for thee an orderly account, most excel-

4 lent Theophilus, that thou mayest know the certainty concerning those things wherein thou wast instructed.

5 THERE was in the days of Herod, king of Judæa, a certain priest named Zachariah, of the Matt. ii. 1. course of Abijah; and he had a wife of the 1 Chr. xxiv. 10. daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

6 Both were righteous before God, walking Gen. vii. 1. blameless in all the commandments and ordin-

7 ances of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elisabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

8 Now, while he executed the priest's office before GoD in the order of his course, his lot,

9 according to the custom of the priest's office, Ex. xxx. 7. was to burn incense when he went into the Lev. xvi. 17.

of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. Then there appeared to him an angel

of the Lord standing at the right side of the altar Ex. xxx. 1.

12 of incense. And when Zachariah saw him, he

13 was startled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, Fear not, Zachariah; for thy prayer has been heard; and Elisabeth thy wife will bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name Luke i, 60.

14 John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness;

(a) Or have been fulfilled.

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Luke vii. 28.

and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will 15 be great before the LORD, and will drink neither wine nor strong drink; and, even from his mother's womb, he will be filled with the Holy 16

Mal. iv. 5.

Spirit. And many of the children of Israel he will turn to the Lord their God. And he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the prudence of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the LORD. And Zachariah said to the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years. The angel answering 19 said to him, I am Gabriel, and stand in the presence of GoD; and I am sent to speak to thee, and to tell thee these glad tidings. And, behold, 20 thou shalt keep silence, and not be able to speak, until the day when these things come to pass; because thou didst not believe my words, which

Dan. viii. 16.

Gen. xvii. 17.

Eze. iii. 26. will be fulfilled in their season. And the people were waiting for Zachariah 21

and marvelling that he tarried in the sanctuary. And when he came out, he could not speak to 22 them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary; and he was making signs to them, and remained dumb. And when 23 the days of his ministration had been accomplished, he departed to his own house.

Gen. xxx. 23.

After those days his wife Elisabeth conceived. 24 and secluded herself five months, saying, Thus 25 hath the LORD dealt with me in the days wherein He looked on me to take away my reproach among men.

Matt. i. 18.

BUT in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was 26 sent from God, to a city of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin who was betrothed to a man 27 named Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came in unto her, 28

Dan. ix. 23.

and said, Hail! thou who art highly favoured; the LORD is with thee (a). And she was much 29 startled at the saying, and reasoned in herself what manner of salutation this could be.

(a) Some MSS. add:—"Blessed art thou among women,"

And the angel said to her. Fear not, Mary: 30 31 for thou hast found favour with God. And thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and thou shalt Isa, vii. 14.

32 call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called, Son of the HIGHEST; and the LORD GOD will give to him the throne of his 33 father David; and he will reign over the house of Mic. iv. 1.

Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be 34 no end. And Mary said to the angel, How shall

this be, seeing that I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon thee; and the power of the Highest will overshadow thee; therefore also the holy Being which shall be born shall be Mark i. 1.

36 called, Son of God. And, behold, thy kinswoman Elisabeth also hath conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with

37 her who was called barren. For with God 38 nothing will be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto Psa. cxvi. 7. me according to thy word. And the angel

AND Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah; Josh. xxi. 9. 40 and entered the house of Zachariah, and saluted

AI Elisabeth. And when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit; 42 and spoke out with a loud cry, and said, Blessed

art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit Jud. v. 24. 43 of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that

the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation came to my ears, the babe leaped in my womb

45 for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there will be a fulfilment of those things which were told her from the Lord.

And Mary said,

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departed from her.

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

1 Sam. ii. 1.

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my 47 Saviour.

For He regarded the low estate of His handmaiden:

	call me blessed.	
Gen. xvii. 1.	For He who is Mighty hath done for me great things;	49
	And holy is His name.	
	And His mercy is unto generations and	50
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	Upon those who fear Him.	
	He hath showed strength with His arm,	51
	He hath scattered the proud in the imagina-	•
	tion of their heart.	
1 Tim. vi. 15. } Rev. iv. 4.	He hath put down mighty men from their	52
100.10.4.	thrones	
1 Sam. ii. 7.	And exalted those of low degree.	
i Sam. n. 7.	The hungry He hath filled with good things,	53
	And the rich He hath sent away empty- handed.	
	He hath helped Israel his servant,	- 4
Gen. xxii. 15.	That, even as He spoke to our fathers,	54 55
	He may for ever remember mercy	33
Mic. vii. 20.	Unto Abraham and his seed.	
	And Mary abode with her about three months,	56
	and returned to her own house.	J -
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	BUT, for Elisabeth, the time for her to be de-	57
	livered was come; and she brought forth a son.	
Luke i. 14.	And her neighbours and her kinsfolk heard that	58
	the LORD had magnified His mercy towards her;	
	and they rejoiced with her.	
	And on the eighth day they came to circum-	59
	cise the child; and they would have called him by his father's name, Zachariah. And his mother	60
,	answered and said, Not so; he shall be called	00
•	John. And they said to her, There is none of	6т
	thy kindred who is called by that name. And	
	they made signs to his father, What would he	
Luke 1. 13.	have him called? And he asked for a writing-	63
	tablet, and wrote, John is his name. And they	•
	all marvelled. And immediately his mouth and	64
	his tongue were set free, and he began to speak,	
* **	praising God. And fear came on all who dwelt	65
	round about them. And these sayings were	
	noised abroad in all the hill country of Judæa;	
	and all who heard them laid them up in their	00
	hearts, saying, What then will this child be?	

67 68 69	For the hand of the Lord was also with him, And his father Zachariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, For He hath visited and wrought redemption for His people, And hath raised up a horn of salvation for	Isa. viii. 18.
70	In the house of His servant David; As He spoke from the beginning of the world	
71	Through the mouth of His holy prophets, That we should be saved from our enemies,	Jer. xxiii. 5.
72	And from the hand of all who hate us; To deal mercifully with our fathers,	
-	And to remember His holy covenant,.	C
73	The oath which He swore to our father Abraham;	Gen. xxn. 10.
74	That He would grant to us, That we being delivered out of the hands of	
	enemies, Might serve Him without fear,	
75	In holiness and righteousness before Him;	Tit. ii. 12.
	All our days.	
76	And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet	
	of the Highest; For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord	
	To make ready His ways;	
77	To give knowledge of salvation to His	Acts v. 31.
	people	
78	In the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God;	
10	Whereby the dayspring from on high shall	
	visit us,	
<b>7</b> 9	To give light to those who sit in darkness	Isa. ix. 2.
	And the shadow of death,  To guide our feet into the way of peace.	
80	And the child grew, and became strong in spirit,	
	and was in the deserts till the day of his showing to Israel.	
1	NOW, it came to pass in those days, that	
	there went forth a decree from Cæsar Augustus,	
2	that all the world (a) should be enrolled. (This first enrolment was made when Cyrenius (b) was	

(b) Or Quirinius.

(a) Or empire.

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governor of Syria.) And all went to be en-

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rolled, each to his own city. And Joseph went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be enrolled, together with Mary his betrothed, who was great with child. And while they were there, the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes; and laid him in a manger (a), because there was no room for them in the inn.

Matt. i. 25.

Now, there were in the same country shepherds 8 abiding in the open country, and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the LORD came upon them, and the glory of the LORD shone round about them, and they were greatly afraid; but the angel said to them. Fear 10 not! for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which will be to all people. For unto 11 you hath been born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord. this will be a sign to you; ye will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger (a). And suddenly there was with the 13 angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Psa. ciii. 20. In the highest, Glory to GoD:

And on earth, peace among men of good-

will (b). And when the angels had gone away from 15 them into heaven, the shepherds said to each other, Let us now go even to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord made known to us. So they went with 16 haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, with the babe lying in the manger (a). And when 17 they had seen it, they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at those things 18 which were told them by the shepherds. But 19 Mary treasured all these sayings, pondering

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Isa. ix. 6.

<sup>(</sup>a) Gr. stall, as in Luke xiii. 15. (b) Or And on earth peace, goodwill among men.

20 them in her heart. And the shepherds returned. glorifying and praising God for all the things which they had heard and seen, even as it had been told them.

And when the eight days for his circumcision Lev. xii 3. had been completed, he was named Jesus, which name was given by the angel before he was con-

ceived in the womb.

AND when the days of their purification ac-22 cording to the Law of Moses had been completed, they brought the child to Jerusalem, to 23 present him to the LORD; (as it is written in the

Law of the LORD, "Every male that openeth the Ex. xiii. 2.

24 womb shall be called holy to the LORD";) and to present a sacrifice according to that which is Lev. xii. 8. said in the Law of the Lord, "A pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons."

Now, there was in Jerusalem a man whose name was Symeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel;

26 and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been made known to him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death before he had seen

27 the Lord's Christ. And, in the Spirit, he went into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him according to the 28 custom of the Law, Symeon took him into his

arms, and blessed God, and said,

Now, Lord, Thou art letting Thy servant de- Gen. xlvi. 30. 20 part

In peace, according to Thy word; For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

30 Which Thou didst prepare before the face of 31 all peoples;

A light for a revelation to the Gentiles, 32 And a glory to Thy people Israel.

33 And his father and his mother marvelled at those Isa. viii. 14.

34 things which were spoken concerning him. And Symeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel; and for a sign

35 which will be spoken against—yea, a sword will John xix. 25. pierce through thy own soul also—that the

thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

And there was one Hannah, a prophetess, 36 daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, and had 37 been a widow even for (a) four score and four vears: and she departed not from the temple. but served with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she 38 gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all

those who were looking for the redemption of Ierusalem (b).

And when they had performed all things ac- 30 cording to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, being filled 40 with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him

NOW, his parents used to go to Jerusalem 41 Ex. xxiii. 15. every year at the feast of the Passover. And 42

> when he was twelve years of age, and they went up according to the custom of the feast, and had 43 completed the days, the boy Jesus, while they were returning, tarried behind in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not. But they, thinking 44

> him to be in the company, went a day's journey, and sought for him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And, as they found him not, 45 they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. And 46 after three days they found him in the temple.

> sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all who 47 heard him were amazed at his understanding

and answers.

But when they saw him, they were aston- 48 ished; and his mother said to him, Son, why didst thou treat us so? behold, thy father and I are seeking thee sorrowing. And he said to 40 them. How is it that we sought me? Knew ve not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saving which he 50 spoke to them. And he went down with them 51

(a) Or unto.(b) Or who in Jerusalem were looking for redemption.

1 Tim. v. 5.

Isa. xi. 2.

Psa. cxix. 99.

and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And his mother kept all the savings in her heart. Dan. vii, 28. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with Gop and man.

NOW, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, (Pontius Pilate being governor of Judæa, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituræa and of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch

2 of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the High Priests,) the word of God came to John, the John xi. 49. 3 son of Zachariah, in the wilderness. And John went into all the region round about Jordan,

preaching a baptism of repentance unto forgive-4 ness of sins: as it is written in the book of the

sayings of Isaiah the prophet,

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD:

Make His paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, And every mountain and hill shall be brought low:

And the crooked shall be made straight.

And the rough ways shall be made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Psa. xcviii. 2.

7 He used to say, therefore, to the multitudes who came forth to be baptized by him, Brood of vipers! who warned you to flee from the wrath 8 to come? Bring forth fruits worthy of your repentance, and say not within yourselves, "We

have Abraham for father." For I say to you, God is able from these stones to raise up children o to Abraham. And even now the axe lieth at the root of the trees; every tree therefore which Matt. vii. 10.

bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

And the multitudes asked him, What are we 11 to do then? He answered and said to them, He who hath two coats, let him share with him who 2 Cor. viii. 14. hath none; and he who hath food, let him do

12 likewise. Then came also collectors (a) to be Matt. xxi. 32. baptized, and said to him, Master, what are we 13 to do? And he said to them, Demand no more 1 Cor. vi. 10.

(a) Or tax-collectors, so elsewhere.

Isa. xl. 3.

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than that which is appointed you. And soldiers 14 on march likewise inquired of him, And what are we to do? He said to them, Do violence to no one, neither accuse any one falsely; and be content with your rations.

But as the people were in expectation, and all 15 men mused in their hearts concerning John, whether he might not be the Christ, John an- 16 swered them all, saying, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the thong of whose sandals I am not fit to losen; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire; whose winnowing-fan is in his 17 hand, to thoroughly clear his floor, and to gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire. So with 18 many different exhortations he preached to (a) the people.

But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by 19 him concerning his brother's wife Herodias, and all the evil deeds which he had done, added this 20 also to them that he shut up John in prison

also to them, that he shut up John in prison.

Now, when all the people had been baptized; 21 when Jesus also had been baptized, and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy 22 Spirit descended upon him, in a bodily appearance, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, Thou ART MY BELOVED SON; IN THEE I AM WELL PLEASED.

Matt. xiii. 55.

Ex. xxiii. 1.

Jer. xv. 7.

Mic. iv. 12.

Matt. xiv. 3.

Psa. i. 4.

AND Jesus himself, when he began his work, 23 was about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, who was the son of Heli,

who was the son of Matthat, who was the son of Levi, who was the son of Melchi,

who was the son of Jannai,

who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of Mattathias,

who was the son of Amos, who was the son of Nahum.

who was the son of Esli,

(a) Or evangelised.

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who was the son of Naggai. 26 who was the son of Maath. who was the son of Mattathias. who was the son of Semein, who was the son of Josech, who was the son of Jodah, who was the son of Joanan, who was the son of Rhesa, 27 who was the son of Zerubabel. who was the son of Salathiel. who was the son of Neri. who was the son of Melchi. 28 who was the son of Addi. who was the son of Cosam. who was the son of Elmodam, who was the son of Er. who was the son of Joshua, 20 who was the son of Eliezer. who was the son of Jorim, who was the son of Matthat, who was the son of Levi. 30 who was the son of Simeon. who was the son of Judah, who was the son of Joseph, who was the son of Jonam, who was the son of Eliakim. who was the son of Melea. 31 who was the son of Menna, who was the son of Mattatha. who was the son of Natham. who was the son of David. who was the son of Jesse, who was the son of Jobed, 32 who was the son of Boaz, who was the son of Sala. who was the son of Nahshon. who was the son of Aminadab. 33 who was the son of Admin, who was the son of Arni, who was the son of Hezrom. who was the son of Perez, who was the son of Judah, who was the son of Jacob, 34 who was the son of Isaac, who was the son of Abraham,

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who	was	the	son	of	Eber,	
who	was	the	son	of	Sala,	
who	was	the	son	of	Cainam,	36
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who	was	the	son	of	Noah,	
who	was	the	son	of	Lamech,	
who	was	the	son	of	Methuselah,	37
who	was	the	son	of	Enoch,	• •
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who	was	the	son	of	Mahalaleel,	
who	was	the	son	of	Caïnam,	
who	was	the	son	of	Enos,	38
					Seth,	
who	was	the	son	of	Adam,	
who	was	the	son	of	God.	

Gen. i. 26.

Matt. iv. 1.

JESUS, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and for forty days was led in the Spirit in the wilderness, being tempted (a) by the devil.

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And in those days he ate nothing; and, when they were ended, he was hungry. And the devil said to him, If thou art the Son of God, command that this stone become bread. Jesus answered him, It is written, "Man shall not live

Deut. viii. 3.

by bread only" (b). Then the devil, taking him up (b), showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, I will give thee all this authority, and the glory of these things; for to me it was delivered, and to whomsoever I will. I give it. Therefore if thou wilt worship before

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(a) Or proved, tested; v. 13, trial.

<sup>(</sup>a) Or proved, tested; v. 13, than.
(b) Certain words added in some versions to verses 4, 5, and 8 are not included in this Gospel by the most ancient authorities. The words are: (end of v. 4)—"but by every word of God"; (v. 5, after "taking him up") "a high mountain"; (v. 8, after "said to him") "Get behind me, Satan, for."

8 me, it shall all be thine. And Jesus answered and said to him (a), It is written, "Thou shalt Deut. vi. 13. worship the LORD thy God, and Him only shalt Deut. xvi. 20. thou serve."

And the devil brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself

10 down hence; for it is written, "He will give His Psa. xci. 11. 11 angels charge over thee, to keep thee"; and "on their hands they will bear thee up, lest at any

12 time thou dash thy foot against a stone." Jesus answering said to him, It is written, "Thou shalt Deut. vi. 16.

13 not try the LORD thy God." And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

14 AND Jesus returned in the power of the John iv. 43. Spirit into Galilee; and a report of him went out

15 through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up 17 to read. And there was delivered to him a roll

of the prophet Isaiah. And when he had opened the roll he found the place where it is written,

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

Wherefore He anointed me to preach the Isa. lxi. 1. gospel to the poor;

He hath sent me

To proclaim deliverance to the captives. And recovering of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed.

IQ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

20 And he folded the roll and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all those who were in the synagogue were fixed on

21 him. And he began to say to them, This day

22 this scripture has been fulfilled in your ears. And all bore him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. Psa. xlv. 2. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

And he said to them, Ye will surely say to me 23

(a) See note (b) page 120.

ı Kings xvii. ı. ) r Kings xvii. 9. 1 Kings xviii. r. things of which we have heard as done in Capernaum, do here also in thine own country." And 24 he said, Verily, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you of a 25 truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months and a great famine came upon all the land; yet to none of them, but only 26 to Sarepta, in the land of Sidon, to a woman, a widow, was Elijah sent. And many lepers were 27

this proverb, "Physician, heal thyself"; "the

2 Kings v. 14.

Syrian. And all those in the synagogue, when they 28 heard these things, were filled with wrath, and 20 rose up and thrust him out of the city, and led

in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of these was cleansed, but only Naaman the

Psa. xxxvii. 14.

him to the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But, passing through the midst of them, 30 he went his way.

John viii. 50.

THEN he went down to Capernaum, a city of 31 Galilee; and he taught them on the Sabbath. And they were astonished at his teaching; for 32 Jer. xxiii. 20.

his word was with authority.

And in the synagogue there was a man who 33 was possessed by an unclean evil spirit (a); and it cried out with a loud voice, Let us alone; 34

Luke iv. 41.

what have we to do with thee, Jesus thou Nazarene? hast thou come to destroy us? know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

Isa. ii. 10.

But Iesus rebuked it, saying, Hold thy peace 35 and come out of him. And when the evil spirit had cast him into the midst, it went out of him, without hurting him at all. And amazement 36

came on all, and they spoke among themselves, saying, What word is this, for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits. and they come out? And the fame of him went 37 forth into every part of the country round about.

Matt. viii. 14.

Then he arose and went out of the synagogue, 38 and entered Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was suffering from a severe fever; and

(a) Gr. unclean demon.

39 they be sought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her; and immediately she arose and ministered to them.

40 Now, when the sun was setting, all those who had any sick with divers diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them,

41 and healed them. And evil spirits also came out of many, crying out and saying, "Thou art the Son of Gop." And he rebuked them and would not suffer them to speak; for they knew that he was the Christ.

AND when it was day, he departed and went into a lonely place; and the multitudes sought him, and came to him, and would have stayed

43 him, lest he should depart from them. And he said to them, I must preach the good news of Mark i. 38. the kingdom of God to other cities also; for 44 therefore I was sent. And he was preaching in

the synagogues of Judæa (a).

AND, as the multitude pressed upon him and heard the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; and he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing the nets. And he entered one of the boats which belonged to Simon, and requested him to push out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

4 And when he left off speaking, he said to Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down John xxi. 6. 5 your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said, Master, we toiled all night, and took no- Psa. cxxvii. 2.

thing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down 6 the nets. And when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their nets 7 were breaking. And they beckoned to their partners, who were in the other boat, to come

and help them. And they came, and so filled Ex. xxiii. 5. both the boats that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at

Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am 9 a sinful man, O Lord. For he and all who were Psa, viii, 6.

(a) Some MSS. have "Galilee."

Matt. iv. 20.

with him were astonished at the draught of fishes which they had taken; so also were James 10 and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Fear not: henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their boats to land, II

they forsook all, and followed him.

AND when he was in one of the towns, behold, 12 there was a man full of leprosy, who, seeing Jesus, bowed himself to the earth, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus stretched forth his hand, 13 and touched him, saying, I will it; be thou cleansed! And immediately the leprosy departed from him. And Jesus charged him, say- 14 ing, Tell no one; but go, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But so 15 much the more went abroad the report of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed of their infirmities. And he with- 16 drew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

Matt. iv. 25. Matt. xiv. 23.

Matt. ix. 2.

Psa. xxxii. 5.

AND as he was teaching, on a certain day, 17 some Pharisees and doctors of the law, who had come out of every village of Galilee and Judæa, and from Jerusalem, were sitting by; and the power of the LORD was with him, that he might heal. And men brought on a bed a man who 18 was paralyzed; and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before Jesus. And as, 10 because of the crowd, they could not find a way to bring him in, they went up on the house-top. and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. And seeing 20 their faith, he said, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to 21 reason, saying, Who is this who speaketh blasphemies? Who but God only can forgive sins? But Jesus perceived their thoughts, and an- 22 swered, Why reason ye in your hearts? Which 23 is easier, to say, "Thy sins are forgiven thee"; or to say, "Arise and walk"? But that ye may 24 know that the Son of Man hath authority upon earth to forgive sins,—he said to the paralyzed

man,-I say to thee, Arise, and take up thy John v. 8. 25 couch, and go to thy house. And immediately he arose before them, and took up that whereon he had been lying, and departed to his house, 26 glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and glorified God, and were filled with awe, saving We have seen strange things to-day.

AFTER these things he went forth, and saw a 27 collector named Levi sitting at the place of toll, Matt. ix. 9. 28 and said to him, Follow me. And he left all.

arose, and followed him.

And Levi made him a great feast in his house; and there was a great company of collectors and 30 others who sat at table with them. But the Pharisees and their scribes murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink

31 with the collectors and outcasts? And Jesus answering said to them, Not those who are well Jer. viii. 22.

32 need a physician; but those who are ill. I have come to call, not the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.

THEN they said to him, The disciples of John 3.3 fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and Luke vii. 34.

34 drink! And Jesus said to them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? But days will come, yea, when the bridegroom shall be taken away

from them; then will they fast in those days. 36 He spoke also a parable to them: No one rend- Lev. xix. 10. eth a piece from a new garment and putteth it on an old one; else he will rend the new, and also the piece which was taken from the new will not

37 match with the old. And no one putteth new wine into old wine-skins; else the new wine will burst the skins, and will be spilled, and the skins

38 will perish. But new wine must be put into 39 fresh skins. And no one having drunk old wine Jer. vi. 16. desireth new; for he saith, The old is excellent.

6 AND on a Sabbath (a), he was going through corn (b) fields; and his disciples were plucking

(a) Some MSS, have "the second first Sabbath."(b) Or wheat.

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and eating the ears, rubbing them in their hands. And certain of the Pharisees said, Why are ye doing that which it is not lawful to do on the Sabbath? Jesus answering them said, Have ye not even read what David did, when he and those who were with him were hungry? how he went into the house of God, and took and ate the showbread, and gave of it to those who were with him; though it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat it? And he said to them, The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

John ix. 16.

1 Sam. xxi. 6.

Lev. xxiv. o.

Job xlii. 2.

Ex. xx. 10.

Psa. ii. 2.

Matt. x. 1.

Matt. iv. 25.

It came to pass on another Sabbath, that he entered the synagogue and taught; and a man was there whose right hand was withered. the scribes and the Pharisees were watching Iesus, whether he would heal on the Sabbath: that they might find how to accuse him. knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, Rise, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. Then 9 said Jesus to them, I ask you, Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do evil? to save a life. or to destroy it? And looking round about upon 10 them all, he said to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so; and his hand was restored. And they were filled with madness; 11 and consulted with each other what they might do to Jesus.

IN those days, he went out to the mountain to 12 pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it became day, he called to him his 13 disciples; and from them he chose out twelve, whom also he named apostles: Simon, (whom he 14 named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew 15 and Thomas, James son of Alphæus, and Simon called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and 16

Iudas Iscariot, who became a traitor. And coming down with them, he took his stand 17 on a level place, with a great company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judæa and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him, and to be cured of their diseases; and those who 18

were troubled by unclean spirits were being 10 healed. And the whole multitude were seeking to touch him; for power was going out from him and curing all.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and

said:

Blessed are ve poor: for yours is the kingdom Ias. ii. 5. of God.

God.

Blessed are ye who hunger now; for ye shall { Isa. lv. 1. } Isa. lxi. 3. 2 I be satisfied.

Blessed are ve who weep now: for ve shall laugh.

Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you and

separate you from their company, and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil, for John xvii. 14

23 the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy; for your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich, for ye have re- Amos vi. 1. ceived in full your consolation.

Alas for you who are filled now, for ye shall hunger.

Alas, ye who laugh now, for ye shall mourn and weep.

Alas, when all men shall speak well of you; John xv. 19. for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

But I say to you who hear, Love your ene-28 mies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who despitefully use vou.

To him who smiteth thee on the one cheek Matt. v. 5. 20 offer the other also; and to him who taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

Give to every one who asketh of thee; and of him who taketh away thy goods require them

not. And as ye would that men should do to you, Matt. vii. 12. 31 do ye to them likewise.

And if ye love those who love you, what thanks are due to you? for even sinners love 33 those who love them. For even if ye do good

to those who do good to you, what thanks are 34 due to you? even sinners do the same. And if

ve lend to those from whom ye hope to receive, what thanks are due to you? even sinners lend James v. 11. Matt. vii. 1.

Matt. xv. 14.

to sinners, to receive back as much. But love 35 your enemies, and do good, and lend, never despairing; and your reward will be great, and ye will be children of the Highest; for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. Show yourselves merciful as your Father also is merciful.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; con-37 demn not, and ye shall not be condemned; for-give, and ye shall be forgiven; give, and it shall 38 be given to you; good measure, pressed down,

be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, men will give into your bosom. For the measure that ye mete out will be measured to you in return.

And he spoke a parable also to them: Can the 39 blind lead the blind? will they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above the master 40 but every one who is perfected will be as his master

And why beholdest thou the splinter which is 41 in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam which is in thine own eye? How canst 42 thou say to thy brother, "Brother, let me pull out the splinter which is in thine eye," while thou beholdest not the beam which is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam which is in thine own eye, and then thou wilt see clearly to pull out the splinter which is in thy brother's eye.

For there is no good tree which bringeth forth 43 corrupt fruit; neither is there a corrupt tree which bringeth forth good fruit. For each tree 44 is known by its own fruit. For from thorns men

do not gather figs, nor from a bramble bush do they gather grapes. The good man out of the 45 good treasure of the heart bringeth forth that which is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth that which is evil; for from the overflowing of the heart his mouth speaketh.

And why call ye me, "Lord, Lord," and do 46 not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh 47

to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man 48 who built a house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation upon the rock; and when a flood

Matt. xii. 35.

Matt. vii.16.

Luke xiii. 25.

Matt. vii. 25.

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rose, the stream burst upon that house, and Psa. xivi. 3. could not shake it; for it had been well-built.

40 But he who heard, and did not, is like a man Jas. i. 23. who built a house upon the earth, without a foundation; and the stream burst upon it, and immediately it fell in; and the ruin of that house was great.

NOW, when he had ended all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum

And a certain centurion's servant, one who Job xxxi. 15. 3 was dear to him, was ill, and about to die. And the centurion, having heard of Jesus, sent to him some elders of the Jews, requesting him

4 to come and save his servant. And they went to Jesus, and besought him earnestly, saying, He

5 for whom thou shouldst do this is worthy; for he loveth our nation, and himself built us our 1 Kings v. 1. synagogue.

And Jesus went with them. And when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest 7 enter under my roof; wherefore neither thought

I myself worthy to come to thee; but say the word, Psa. cvii. 20.

8 and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say to one, "Go," and he goeth; and to another, "Come," and he cometh; and to my servant, "Do this," and he doeth it.

When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turning about, said to the people who followed him, I say to you, not even in Israel 10 have I found so great a faith. And those who had been sent, returning to the house, found the

servant in good health.

AFTERWARDS, he went into a city called Nain; and his disciples and a great multitude went 12 with him. Now when he came near the gate of the city, there was a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and many inhabitants of the town were 13 with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, Weep not.



Luke viii. 54. 2 Kings iv. 32. 2 Kings iv. 36. And he came and touched the bier; and the 14 bearers stood still. And he said, Young man, I say to thee, Arise. And he who had been dead 15 sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus delivered him to his mother.

Luke xxiv. 19. Luke i. 68. And fear took hold of all; and they glorified 16 God, saying, A great prophet has arisen among us; and, God hath visited His people. And this 17 report of him went forth throughout the whole of Judæa, and all the region round about.

Matt. xi. 2.

John i. 46.

AND the disciples of John told him of all 18 these things. And John calling to him two of 19 his disciples sent them to the Lord, saying, Art thou he who cometh? or are we to look for another? When the men came to him, they said, 20 John the Baptist sent us to thee, saying, "Art thou he who cometh? or are we to look for another?" In that hour Jesus healed many persons of their diseases and plagues, and of evil spirits; and to many who were blind he gave sight. Then he answered and said to John's 22 disciples, Go your way, tell John what ye saw and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the gospel is preached to the poor. And blessed is he who shall find in me no 23 cause of stumbling.

Isa. xxxv. 6.

Isa. viii. 14.

And when the messengers of John had departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes, concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to view? A reed shaken by the wind? But what went ye out to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they who are gorgeously apparelled and live luxuriously are in king's courts. But what went ye out to see? 26 A prophet? I say to you, Yea, and much more than a prophet. This is he, of whom it is written. 27

Mal. iii. I.

"Behold, I send My messenger before

thy face,

Who shall prepare thy way before thee." I say to you, Among those who are born of 28 women there is none greater than John; but he who is but little in the kingdom of GoD is greater than he.

(And all the people who heard, and the col- Psa. li. 4. lectors, justified Goo, having been baptized with 30 the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and Acts xx. 27.

teachers of the law brought to naught, as concerning themselves, the purpose of God, not having been baptized by John.)

To what then shall I liken the men of this Matt. xi. 16. 32 generation? and to what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace, and

calling to each other; who say, We piped to you, and ye did not dance; we sang lamentations, 33 and ye did not weep. For John the Baptist has Luke i. 15.

come neither eating bread nor drinking wine; 34 and ye say, He hath an evil spirit. The Son of

Man has come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a wine-bibber, a

35 friend of collectors and outcasts. But wisdom Pro. viii. 32. is justified by all her children.

THEN one of the Pharisees desired Jesus that .36 he would eat with him. And he went into the

37 Pharisee's house, and reclined at table. And, lo, a woman who was in the city, a sinner; and I Tim. i. 15. when she knew that Jesus was at table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster cruse

38 of ointment. And standing behind at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, wiping them off with the hair of her head; and she was kissing his feet tenderly, and anointing

30 them with the ointment. Now, when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said John ix. 24. within himself, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is who toucheth him: for she is a

And Jesus answered and said to him, Simon, I have something to say to thee. (And he said,

41 Master, say on.) There was a certain creditor who had two debtors; the one owed five hun-

42 dred shillings, and the other fifty. And as they Psa. xlix. 7. had nothing wherewith to pay, he freely forgave

43 them both. Which of them, therefore, will love him more? Simon answered and said, I sup- Psa. cxvi. 16. pose, he to whom he forgave the more. And

44 Jesus said to him, Thou hast rightly judged. And

way, into peace.

he turned to the woman, and said to Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered thy house, thou gavest me no water for my feet; but she washed my feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. Thou gavest me no kiss; but 45 she, since I came in, hath not ceased to kiss 46 tenderly my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint; but she hath anointed my feet with Therefore, I say to thee, her sins, 47 ointment. which are many, are forgiven, because she loved much (a); but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said to her. Thy sins 48 are forgiven. And those who reclined at table 40 with him began to say within themselves, Who is this who even forgiveth sins? But he said to 50 the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go thy

Matt. xxvii. 55.

Psa. xxiii. 5.

Matt. ix. 2.

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Mark xvi. 9.

Matt. xiii. 3.

Jer. v. 3.

Jer. iv. 3.

Gen xxvi. 12.

AFTERWARDS he went throughout every city and village, publishing and preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom of God; and there were with him the twelve, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called the Magdalene, out of whom had gone seven evil spirits, and Joana the wife of Chuzas (Herod's steward), and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them from their substance.

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And a multitude gathering together and resorting to him from every city, he spoke by a parable: The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the birds of the air devoured it. And other fell upon the rock; and as soon as it had sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And other fell among the thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell into the good ground, and sprang up, and bore fruit a hundred-fold. And as he said these things, he cried, He who hath ears to hear, let him hear!

And his disciples asked him, What might this

And his disciples asked him, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given 10

(a) Or And, because she loved much, therefore I say to thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven.

to know the mysteries of the kingdom of GoD; but to the rest in parables; that "seeing they Isa. vi. 9. may not see, and hearing they may not understand."

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word Matt. xiii, 18, 12 of God. Those by the way side are they who have heard, and then cometh the devil and carrieth off the word from their hearts, lest they

13 should believe and be saved; those on the rock, Pro. xii. 3. they who when they hear, receive the word with joy, but have no root—they believe for a while.

14 and in the time of trial fall away. And that which fell among the thorns: These are they who after hearing, go their way, are choked by the 1 Tim. vi. 9. cares and riches and pleasures of life, and bring 15 no fruit to perfection. But that in the good ground: These are they who, in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold fast to

No one, when he hath lighted a lamp, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a couch; but he setteth it on a lamp-stand, that they who

it, and with patience bring forth fruit.

17 enter may see the light. For nothing is secret Ecc. xii. 14. which will not be made manifest; and nothing hidden, which will not be known and come to

18 light. Take heed therefore how ye hear; for whosoever hath, to him will be given; but whosoever hath not, from him will be taken even that which he seemeth to have (a).

THEN came towards him his mother and his brothers; but they could not get near him for

20 the crowd. And it was told him. Thy mother Matt. xii. 46. and thy brothers stand outside, desiring to see 21 thee. And he answered, My mother and my

brothers are these who hear the word of Gop. and do it.

NOW, on a certain day, Jesus went into a Matt. viii. 23. boat together with his disciples; and he said to them, Let us go over to the other side of the 23 lake. And they launched forth. But as they

sailed he fell asleep; and there came down upon the lake a storm of wind; and the boat was fill-

<sup>(</sup>a) Or thinketh he hath.

Psa. xliv. 23.

ing, and they were in jeopardy. And they went 24 to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish! But he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water; and they ceased, and a calm came on. And he said to the disciples, Where is your faith? And they, being afraid, wondered, saying to one another, Who then is this? for he commandeth even the winds and the water, and they obey him!

Matt. viii. 28.

AND they came to shore at the country of the 26 Gerasenes (a), which is over against Galilee. And when he had landed, there met him out of 27 the city a certain man possessed by evil spirits; and for a long time he had worn no clothing, and he dwelt not in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down 28 before him, and with a loud voice said, What hast thou to do with me, Jesus, thou Son of God Most High? I beseech thee, torment me not. (For he was bidding the unclean spirit to come 20 out from the man. For oftentimes it had seized him: and he used to be bound with chains and fetters, kept under guard; and breaking the bonds would be driven by the evil spirit into the deserts.) And Jesus asked him, What is thy 30 name? And he said, Legion (because many evil spirits had entered him). And they besought 31 him not to command them to depart into the abvss.

Rev. xx. 3.

Now, a herd of many swine was feeding there, 32 on the mountain; and the evil spirits besought Jesus that he would suffer them to enter the swine. And he suffered them. Then went the 33 evil spirits out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd ran violently down the steep into the lake, and were drowned.

Acts xix. 16.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. And the inhabitants went out to see what was done, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the evil spirits had departed,

Psa. li. 10.

sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his

(a) Or Gadarenes.

36 right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them by what means the man possessed by evil spirits had been made

37 whole. And all the people of the district of the Acts xvi. 39. Gerasenes besought him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; and he entered a boat, and returned.

38 Now, the man from whom the evil spirits had departed besought that he might be with him:

39 but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thy 1 Tim. v. 8. house, and tell what great things Gop hath done for thee. And he went his way, and published lesus had done for him.

throughout the whole city what great things

AND as Iesus returned, the multitude welcomed him; for they were all waiting for him.

41 And there came a man named Jairus, who was a Matt. ix. 18. ruler of the synagogue; and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would go

42 into his house; for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay dying. But as Iesus went the crowd thronged him.

And a woman who had had an issue of blood 2 Chron, xvi. 12. twelve years (a), and could not be cured by any.

44 went behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her issue of blood

45 stanched. And Jesus said, Who touched me? And when all denied it. Peter said, Master, the

46 multitude throng thee and press thee. But Iesus said. Some one touched me; for I per- Luke vi. 19. ceived that virtue (b) had gone out from me.

47 And when the woman saw that she was not Isa lxvi. 2. hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him, declared before all the people for

what cause she had touched him, and how she 48 was healed immediately. And he said to her. Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go thy way, into peace.

While he was yet speaking, there came one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying, Thy daughter is dead, trouble not the Master

(a) Some MSS. add, "and had spent all her living upon physicians.' (b) Or power.



sired to see him.

further. But when Jesus heard it, he answered 50 him. Fear not: only believe, and she shall be John xi. 25. made whole. And when he came to the house, 51 he suffered no one to go in with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and John xi. 11. the mother of the maiden. And all were weep- 52 ing and bewailing her; but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they 53 laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was But he took her by the hand, and called, 54 John xi. 43. Maiden, arise! And her spirit returned, and she 55 arose straightway; and he commanded to give her to eat. And her parents were astonished; 56 but he charged them that they should tell no one what was done.

> THEN he called the twelve together, and gave them authority over all evil spirits, and power to cure diseases. And he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to heal.

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And he said to them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor wallet, neither bread, nor money; nor have two coats each. And whatsoever house ye enter, there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever receive you not, when ye go out of that city, shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

And they departed, and went through the villages, everywhere preaching the gospel and healing. Now. Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was

done; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead; and by some, that Elijah had appeared; and by 8 others, that one of the old prophets had risen. But Herod said, John I beheaded; but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he de-

AND the apostles, when they returned, told ro Jesus all that they had done. And he took them, and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. And the multitudes perceived it, 11

and followed him; and he welcomed them, and

John vi. 37.

Matt. x. 1.

Luke x. 4.

Neh. v. 13.

Matt. xiv. 1.

Luke xxiii. 8.

spoke to them of the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

And when the day began to decline, the twelve Matt. xiv. 15. came and said to him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and country round about, and lodge, and get food; for we Psa. lxxviii. 10.

13 are here in a desert place. But he said to them. Give ve them to eat. And they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fishes: unless we should go and buy food for all this people. 14 (There were about five thousand men). And he

said to his disciples, Make them sit down in com- 1 Cor. xiv. 40. 15 panies, about fifty each. And they did so, and

16 made them all sit down. And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and broke, and gave to 17 the disciples to set before the multitude. And they ate and were all satisfied; and there were Psa. cvii. o.

taken up of broken pieces that were over, twelve

AND as he was praying in private, his dis-18 ciples came to him, and he asked them, saying, 10 Who do the multitudes say that I am? They answering said, John the Baptist. But others

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say, Elijah; and others, that one of the old 20 prophets has risen. And he said to them, But who say ye that I am? Peter answering said. John vi. 69. 21 The Christ of God. And he charged them, and

22 commanded them to tell no one that thing; saving, The Son of Man must suffer many things, Matt. xvi. 21. and be rejected by the elders and high priests and scribes, and be slain, and rise the third day.

And he said to them all, If any one would come Luke xiv. 27. after me, let him deny himself, and take up his 24 cross daily, and follow me. For, whosoever would save his life will lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same will save For, what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world and lose himself, or forfeit his life?

26 Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my Matt. x. 33. words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed. when he shall come in the glory of himself and

27 his Father and the holy angels. But I tell you Matt. xvi. 28. of a truth, there are some standing here who will

not taste of death till they see the kingdom of Gon.

Mark ix. 2.

AND about eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the aspect of his countenance was changed, and his raiment became white and glistening; and there were talking with him two men, who were

Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and 31 spoke of his decease which he was about to ac-

complish in Jerusalem.

not knowing what he said.

Dan. viii. 18.

But Peter and those who were with him were 32 heavy with sleep; and when they awoke, they saw his glory, and the two men who stood with him. And as these were parting from Jesus, 33 Peter said to him, Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah-

Psa. xxvii. 4.

While he was thus speaking, there came a 34 cloud and overshadowed them; and they feared as they entered the cloud. And there came a 35 voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My Son,

Matt. iii. 17.

My chosen; HEAR YE HIM. And when the voice 36 had ceased, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Matt. xvii. 14.

from the mountain, a great multitude met him. And a man from the crowd cried out, saying, 38 Master, I beseech thee to look upon my son; for he is my only child. And, behold, a spirit taketh 39 him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it tear-

THE next day, when they had come down 37

eth (a) him so that he foameth; and, bruising him, it scarcely departeth from him. And I be- 40 sought thy disciples to cast it out; and they could not. And Jesus answering said, O unbe- 41 lieving and perverse generation, how long shall

I be with you and bear with you? Bring thy son hither. And as he was yet coming, the evil 42 spirit threw him down and convulsed him. But

Acts xix. 13.

(a) Or convulseth.

Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the Mark i. 27. 43 child, and delivered him to his father. And they

were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all 44 things which he did, he said to his disciples, Let

these sayings sink into your ears; for the Son of Matt. xvii. 22. Man is about to be delivered into the hands of

45 men. But they understood not that saying, and it was hidden from them, that they might not perceive it; and they feared to ask him of the saying.

46 Then there arose a questioning among them, Matt. xviii. 1. 47 which of them was greatest. And Jesus, know-48 ing the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, and said to them, Whosoever shall receive this little child in my name receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me re- Matt. x. 40. ceiveth Him who sent me; for he who is least

among you all, the same is great.

AND John answered and said, Master, we saw 40 one casting out evil spirits in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. 50 But Jesus said to him, Forbid him not; for he Luke xvi. 13.

who is not against you is for you.

WHEN the days had come that Jesus should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to 52 Jerusalem, and sent messengers before him; and they went and entered a village of the Samari-

53 tans, to make ready for him. And these re- John iv. 4. ceived him not, because his face was as if he were

54 going to Jerusalem. And when the disciples Acts viii. 14. Tames and John saw this, they said, Lord, wouldst thou that we bid fire to come down from

55 the heavens, and consume them? 56 turned, and rebuked them (a); and they went to

another village.

And as they were on the way, a certain man said to him, I will follow thee whithersoever thou 58 goest. And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have roosts; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head.

(a) Some MSS. add, "And he said, Ye know not of what manner of spirit ye are. (v. 56) For the Son of Man came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

But he 2 Kings i. 10.

I Kings xix. 20.

And he said to another, Follow me. But he 59 said, Suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said to him, Let the dead bury their own 60 dead; but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said, Lord, I will follow 61 thee; but suffer me first to go and bid those farewell who are at my house. And Jesus said 62 to him, No one who has put his hand to the plough and looks behind him, is fit for the kingdom of God.

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Gen. xix. 26.

Matt. x. 1.

AFTER these things the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two before his face, into every city and place whither he himself was about to go. And he said to them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways; behold, I send you forth as

2 Kings iv. 29 2 Thess, iii. 16 lambs among wolves. Carry not a purse, nor a wallet, nor shoes; and salute no one by the way. And whatsoever house ye enter, first say, "Peace be to this house." And if a son of peace be there, your peace will rest upon it; if not, it will return to you. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give; for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

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And whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you, and heal the sick who are therein; and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come nigh to you." But whatsoever city ye enter, and they ro receive you not, go out into the streets thereof, and say, "Even the dust of your city, which releaveth to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless, be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come nigh." I say to you, that in 12 the great day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that city.

Matt. xi. 21.

Alas for thee, Chorazin! alas for thee, Bethsaida! for, if the mighty works which were done
in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they
would long ago have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable 14

for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. 15 And thou, Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted to Isa. xiv. 15.

heaven? Thou shalt go down to Hades.

He who heareth you heareth me; and he who John xiii. 20. rejecteth you rejecteth me; and he who rejecteth me rejecteth Him who sent me.

AND the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the evil spirits are subject to us in thy

18 name. And he said to them, I was watching Satan Rev. xii. 8.

19 falling as lightning from the heavens. Behold. I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt

Notwithstanding, rejoice not in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice because Ex. xxxii. 32.

your names are written in heaven.

In that hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. and said, I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from the wise and prudent, and didst reveal them to babes; even so, Father; for so it seemed good in

22 Thy sight. All things were delivered to me by Matt. xxviii. 18. my Father; and no one knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, save the Son, and he to whom the Son willeth to reveal Him.

And turning to the disciples, he said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things which I Pet. i. 10. 24 ye see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see the things which ye see,

but have not seen them; and to hear the things which we hear, but have not heard them.

AND a certain teacher of the law stood up, and tested him, saying, Master, what shall I do Acts xvi. 30.

26 that I may inherit eternal life? Jesus said to him, What is written in the Law? how readest

27 thou? And he answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God from all thy heart, and with Lev. xix. 18. all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind"; and "thy neighbour as thyself."

28 And Jesus said to him, Thou hast answered Lev. xviii. 5. rightly; this do, and thou shalt live.

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Luke xvi. 15.

Psa. xxxviii. 11.

But he, wishing to justify himself, said to 29

Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

Jesus said in reply, A certain man was going 30 down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, who stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half And by chance there went down a cer- 31 tain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a 32 Levite, when he came to the place and saw him. passed by on the other side. But a certain 33 Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, and went to him and bound up his 34 wounds, pouring on oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, he took 35 out two shillings (a) and gave them to the host, and said, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay

Luke xiv. 14. Pro. xiv. 21.

Which of these three, thinkest thou, showed 36 himself a neighbour to him who fell among the robbers? And he said, He who showed mercy 37 unto him. Then said Jesus to him, Go, and do thou likewise.

John xi. 1.

NOW, as they journeyed, he entered a certain 38 village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister named 39 Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his word. But Martha was distracted about 40 much serving: so she went to him, and said. Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And the Lord answering, said to her, 41 Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things; but there is need of few 42

Luke xxi. 34.

things, or of only one; for Mary hath chosen the good portion, one which will not be taken away

Luke xviii. 22.

AND when he was in a certain place, praying, one of his disciples said to him when he ceased.

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Lord, teach us to pray, even as John taught his 2 disciples. And he said to them, When ye pray, Matt. vi. o. say, Father: Hallowed be Thy name, Thy king-

3 dom come; give us day by day our daily bread;

4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also Mark xi. 25. forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation (a).

And he said to them. If one of you should have a friend, and should go to him at midnight 6 and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves; for,

a friend of mine on his journey has come to me, 7 and I have nothing to set before him"; and he from within should answer and say, "Trouble me not; the door is now shut, and my children

are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee," 8 —I say to you, Though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend; yet because of his

importunity he will rise and give him whatsoever Luke xviii. 1. he needeth.

And I say to you, Ask, and it shall be given Matt. vii. 7. you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall

to be opened to you. For every one who asketh receiveth; and he who seeketh findeth; and to

11 him who knocketh it will be opened. And who among you, who is a father, if his son shall ask 12 for a fish, will, for a fish, give him a serpent? or

if he shall ask for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

AND Iesus was casting out an evil spirit, and Matt ix. 32. it was dumb. And when the evil spirit had gone out, the dumb spoke; and the multitudes wondered.

But some of them said. He casteth out evil spirits through Beelzebub the prince of the evil

16 spirits. And others, testing him, sought of him Matt. xii. 38. 17 a sign from the heavens. But he, knowing their John ii. 25. thoughts, said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and house

18 after house falleth. If Satan also is divided

(a) Or trial.

Ex. viii. 10.

against himself, how shall his kingdom stand?—for ye say that I cast out evil spirits by Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out evil spirits, 19 by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger 20 of God cast out evil spirits, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

When the strong man fully armed guardeth 21 his own court, his goods are in peace; but when 22 a stronger than he shall attack him, and overcome him, he taketh from him his whole armour, wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He 23 who is not with me is against me; and he who

gathereth not with me scattereth.

When the unclean spirit has gone out of a 24 man, it walketh through waterless places, seeking rest; and finding none, it saith, I will turn back to my house from which I came out. And 25 when it has come, it findeth it swept and garnished. Then it goeth, and taketh with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself; and they enter, and dwell there; and the last state of that

man becometh worse than was the first.

Luke i. 28.

John v. 14.

AND as he spoke these things, a certain woman out of the multitude lifted up her voice, and said to Jesus, Blessed the womb which bore thee, and the breasts which thou hast sucked. But 28 he said, Nay, rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and keep it.

And when the multitudes were gathering together to him, he began to say, This is an evil generation; it seeketh a sign; and there shall be given it no sign but the sign of Jonah. For as 30 Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will

also the Son of Man be to this generation.

The queen of the south will rise in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them; for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

The men of Nineveh will rise in the judgment 32 with this generation, and will condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and,

behold, a greater than Jonah is here.

Jonah iii. 5.

Jonah i. 17.

1 Kings x. 1.

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No one, when he hath lighted a lamp, putteth it into a cellar, neither under the bushel, but on the stand, that those who come in may see the light.

The lamp of the body is thine eye; when thine Matt. vi. 22. eye is sound, thy whole body also is full of light; but when it is diseased, thy body also is full of 35 darkness. Take heed therefore that the light 36 which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly full of light, as when the lamp by its bright shining doth give thee light.

WHILE he was speaking, a Pharisee asked Iesus to breakfast with him; and he went in

38 and sat at table. And when the Pharisee saw it. he marvelled that, before breakfast, he had not Mark vii. 3. first washed.

And the Lord said to him, Now ye, the Phari- Matt. xxiii. 25. sees, make clean the outside of the cup and of

the platter; but your inward part is full of ex-40 tortion and wickedness. Ye fools, did not He who made that which is without make also that

41 which is within? But give as alms the things Luke xii. 33. which are within (a); and, behold, all things are

clean to you.

But alas for you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over justice and the love of God; but these ye ought to have done, while not leaving the others un-

43 done. Alas for you, Pharisees! for ye love the Matt. xxiii. 6. front seats in the synagogues, and greetings in 44 the markets. Alas for you! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men who are walking over them know it not.

THEN answered one of the teachers of the law. and said to him, Master, thus saying, thou re-

proachest us also.

And he said, Alas for you also, ye teachers of Isa. Iviii. 6. the law! for ye load men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the 47 burdens with one of your fingers. Alas for you! for ye build the tombs of the prophets, and your

(a) Or which ye have.

Eze, xviii, 10.

fathers killed them. So ve are witnesses, and 48 approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed the prophets, and ye do the building. Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will persecute and slay; that the 50 blood of all the prophets, that which has been shed since the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; from the blood of 51 Abel unto the blood of Zachariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary; yea, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. Alas for you, teachers of the law! for ye took 52 away the key of knowledge; ye yourselves entered not, and those who were entering ye hindered.

1 Cor. xiii. 5. Mark xii. 13.

Gen. iv. 8. 2 Chr. xxiv. 21.

> And as he went out thence, the scribes and the 53 Pharisees began to set themselves against him. and to provoke him to speak of many things; laying wait for him, to seize upon some word 54 from his mouth.

Luke viii. 17.

IN the mean time, when there were gathered together many thousands of the crowd, so that they trod upon each other, he began to say to his disciples, first of all, Beware ye (a) of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered up which will not be revealed; nothing hidden which will not be Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in the darkness will be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken into the ear in the inner chambers will be proclaimed upon the housetops.

John xv. 14.

And I say to you, my friends, Be not afraid of those who kill the body, and afterwards have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him who, after He hath killed, hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say to you, fear Him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pence, and yet not one of them is forgotten before Gop? But even the very hairs

(a) Or Beware, first of all.

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of your head are all numbered. Fear not, ve

are of more value than many sparrows.

And I say to you, Whosoever shall acknow- 1 Sam. ii. 30. ledge me before men, him will the Son of Man o also acknowledge before the angels of God. But he who disowneth me before men will be dis-

10 owned before the angels of God. And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemeth Matt. xii. 31. against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven

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And when they bring you before the synagogues, and the rulers, and the authorities, be not anxious how or what ye shall answer, or Luke xxi, 14.

12 what ye shall say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

One of the multitude said to Jesus, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inherit-14 ance with me. And Jesus said to him, Man,

who made me a judge or a divider over you? Exod. ii. 14. 15 And he said to them, Take heed, and beware of Eze. xxxiii. 31. all covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not Job ii. 4. in the abundance of the things which he pos-

sesseth.

And he spoke a parable to them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth 17 plentifully; and he reasoned within himself. saying. What shall I do? for I have not room to

18 store my fruits. And he said, This I will do: I Jas. iv. 15. will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there I will store all my wheat and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast abundance of good things laid up for many years;

20 take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. God said to him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul will be required of thee; then whose will those Psa. xxxix, 6.

21 things be which thou hast provided?" So is he who layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.

And he said to his disciples, Therefore I say to Matt. vi. 25. you, Be not anxious for the life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 For the life is something greater than the food, 24 and the body than the raiment. Consider the Job xxxviii. 41.

ravens; for they neither sow nor reap; they

eth them; how much more valuable are ve than the birds! And which of you, by being anxious, 25 can add to his life a span? (a). If ye then are 26 not able to do a thing which is least, why are ye

Consider the lilies, how they neither spin nor 27

weave; yet I say to you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God thus clothes the grass, which to-day 28 is in the field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will He clothe you, O ye of little faith!

shall drink, neither be ye high-minded. For, 30 all these things the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye His kingdom; 31 and these things will be added unto you. Fear 32 not, little flock; for it is your Father's good

And seek not what ye shall eat, and what ye 20

pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell that which ye have, and give alms; pro- 33 vide yourselves purses which wear not out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief approacheth, neither doth moth corrupt. For 34

where your treasure is, there will also your heart be. Let vour loins be girded about, and your 35

lamps be burning; and ye yourselves like men 36 who are looking for their lord, when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom their lord 37 when he cometh shall find watching; Verily, I say to you, he will gird himself, and make them

sit at table, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or in 38 the third watch, and find them so, blessed are

those servants. And know this, that if the 39 householder had known at what hour the thief would come, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. Be ye also ready; for 40

the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

(a) Or to his stature a cubit.

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Matt. vi. 33.

Isa. xl. 11.

Matt. xix. 21.

Eph. vi. 14.

Matt. xxiv. 46.

I Thess. v. 2.

Luke xxi. 34.

THEN Peter said. Lord, speakest thou this parable to us, or even to all?

And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and prudent steward, whom his lord shall set over his household, to give them their portion of

43 food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so 1 Cor. iv. 2.

44 doing. I say to you, Of a truth he will set him 45 over all that he hath. But if that servant say in his heart, "My lord delayeth his coming"; and shall begin to beat the men-servants and the Matt. xxii. 6.

maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be 46 drunken; the lord of that servant will come in a day when he expecteth not, and at an hour

when he is not aware, and will cut him asunder. Psa. xxxvii. 9. and will appoint him his portion with the un-47 faithful. But that servant who knew his lord's will and prepared not himself, neither did ac-

cording to his will, will be beaten with many 48 stripes. But he who knew not, and did things de- Jas. iv. 17. serving of stripes, will be beaten with few stripes. Lev. v. 17. And to whomsoever much was given, of him much will be required; and to whom men committed much, of him they will require the more.

I came to send fire on the earth; and what will 50 I, if it is already kindled? (a) But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I 51 constrained until it be accomplished! Think ye Matt. x. 34.

that I have come to give peace on the earth? 52 tell you, Nay; but, rather, division; for, henceforth there will be five in one house divided; they will be divided, three against two, and two

53 against three; father against son, and son Mic. vii. 6. against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-inlaw against her mother-in-law.

And he said also to the crowds, When ye see a Matt. xvi. 2. cloud rising in the west, immediately ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it cometh to 55 pass. And when a south wind bloweth ye say.

There will be burning heat; and it cometh to 56 pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of

(a) Or, What would I? Would that it were already kindled!

the earth and of the sky; how then is it that ye do not discern this time? But why even of 57

yourselves judge ye not what is right?

For when thou art going with thine adversary 58 to the magistrate, on the way take pains to be quit of him, lest he hale thee to the judge; and the judge will commit thee to the officer, and the officer will cast thee into prison. I tell thee, thou 59 wilt by no means come out thence till thou hast paid the very last mite.

THERE came at that season some who told Jesus of the Galilæans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

And he answering said to them, Because those Galilæans suffered these things, think ye that they showed themselves sinners beyond all the other Galilæans? I tell you, Nay; but, unless ye repent, ye all will perish in like manner. those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, think ye that they showed themselves guilty beyond all the other men who were dwelling in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; but, unless ye repent, ye all will perish in like manner.

He spoke also this parable: A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he went and sought fruit thereon, but found none. he said to the vine-dresser, Behold, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and have found none; cut it down; why also cumbereth it the ground? (a) And he answering said to him, Master, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dress it; and if it bear fruit afterwards, well; but if not, thou shalt cut it down.

AND Jesus was teaching in one of the syna- 10 gogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman II who had had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift herself up. And when Jesus saw her, he 12 called her to him, and said to her, Woman, thou

(a) Or. Why doth it also make the ground barren?

Heb. vii. 25. ) Psa. cvi. 23. Psa. vi. 2.

Joel iii. 10.

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Isa. lv. 6.

13 art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her; and immediately she was made Mark xvi. 18. straight, and glorified God.

Then the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath; and he said to the people, There are six days in which men ought to work; in them therefore come and be cured, and not on the

15 Sabbath. But the Lord answered him and said. Ye hypocrites! doth not each of you on the Sab- Luke xii, 1. bath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and

16 lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, who is a daughter of Abraham, and hath been bound by Satan these eighteen years, to be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?

And as he said these things, all his adversaries Isa, xlv. 24. were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced at all the glorious things which were being

done by him.

HE said therefore, What is the kingdom of Matt. xiii. 31. 18 10 Gop like? and to what shall I liken it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and

cast into his garden; and it grew, and became a tree; and the birds of the air sheltered in the 20 branches of it. And again he said, To what 21 shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like

leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened.

AND he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying towards Jerusalem.

Then one said to him, Lord, are they few who 24 are being saved? And he said to them, Strive Matt. vii. 13.

to enter by the narrow door; for I say to you, many will seek to enter, and will not be able.

25 When once the master of the house has risen, and has shut the door, and ye begin to stand outside, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, open to us; and he shall answer and say to you,

26 I know not whence ye are; then ye will begin to say, We ate and drank in thy presence, and thou

27 didst teach in our streets. But he will say, I tell you I know not whence ye are; depart from me, Psa. vi. 8. all ve workers of iniquity.

28 Wailing and gnashing of teeth will be there, when



Rev. vii. o.

Matt. xix. 30.

ye shall see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and yourselves cast out. And they will come from 29 the east and the west, and from the north and the south, and will sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last who will be 30 first, and there are first who will be last.

The same hour certain Pharisees came, saying 31 to him, Come out, and go hence; for Herod wishes to kill thee. And he said to them, Go ye, 32 and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out evil spirits, and perform cures to-day and to-morrow, and the third day I am perfected. Nevertheless I 33 must go my way to-day and to-morrow and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet

perish outside Jerusalem.
O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killest the 34

Matt. xxiii. 37.

Lev. xxvi. 31. Psa. lxix. 25. Isa. i. 7.

Psa. xxxvii. 32.

together, as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your 35 house is left unto you (a); and I say to you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, "Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord."

prophets, and stonest those who are sent to thee; how often would I have gathered thy children

AND, when he had entered the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees, to eat bread on the Sabbath, they were watching him.

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And a certain man who had the dropsy, was before him, And Jesus answering spoke to the teachers of the law and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not? And they held their peace. And he took the man, and healed him, and let him go. And he said to them, Which of you shall have a son or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath? And they could not answer as to these things.

And observing how those who were invited chose out the best places, he spoke a parable to them, saying, When thou art invited by any one to a marriage, sit not down in the best place;

Pro. xxv. 6.

(a) Some MSS. add, "desolate."

lest a man more honourable than thyself have o been invited by him; and he who invited thee and him come and say to thee, Give place to this man; and thou begin with shame to take the 10 lowest place. But when thou art invited, go and sit down in the lowest place; that when he who invited thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, come up higher. Then thou wilt have honour in the presence of all who sit at table

II with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall Luke xviii. 14. be humbled: and he who humbleth himself

shall be exalted.

Then said he also to him who had invited him. Pro. xxii. 16. When thou preparest a breakfast or a supper, call not thy friends, or thy brethren, or thy kinsmen, or thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee in return, and a recompense be made thee.

13 But when thou preparest a feast, invite the poor 14 the maimed, the lame, the blind; and thou wilt be blessed: for they cannot recompense thee: Rev. xix. o. but thou wilt be recompensed at the resurrection

of the just.

And when one of those who sat at table with Jesus heard those things, he said to him, Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

But Jesus said to him, A certain man made a Matt. xxii. 2. 17 great supper, and invited many; and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who had been invited, Come; for things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to excuse themselves. The first said to him. I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see

19 it; I pray thee have me excused. And another said. I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am on my way to try them; I pray thee have me

20 excused. And another said, I have married a 1 Cor. vii. 33.

21 wife, and therefore I cannot come. So the servant came and told his master these things. Then the master of the house was angry, and said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and Rev. xxii. 17. lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the blind, and the lame.

22 And the servant said, Master, what thou didst 23 command is done, and still there is room. And

the master said to the servant, Go out into the

Pro. i. 24.

highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in, that my house may be filled. For, I 24 say to you, not one of those men who were invited shall taste of my supper.

Mic. vii. 6.

Matt. xvi. 24.

AND there went great multitudes with him: 25 and he turned, and said to them, If any one 26 cometh to me, and hateth not his father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. Whosoever doth not bear his own 27

cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

For, which of you, wishing to build a tower, 28 sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost. whether he hath means to finish it? Lest haply, 20 after he hath laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not 30

able to finish.

Pro. xx. 18.

Or what king, going to make war against an- 31 other king, will not sit down first, and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a 32 great way off, he sendeth an embassy, and requesteth conditions of peace. So likewise, who- 33 soever of you renounceth not all that he hath, cannot be my disciple.

Phil. iii. 7.

Salt, therefore, is good; but if even the salt 34 has lost its savour, with what shall it be seasoned. It is fit neither for the land, nor yet for the dung- 35 hill; men cast it out. He who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matt. ix. 10.

THEN drew near to hear him all the collectors and outcasts. And the Pharisees and also the scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.

Matt. xviii. 12.

But he spoke this parable to them: What man 3,4 of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, till he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and

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his neighbours, saying to them, Rejoice with me; Psa, cxix, 176. 7 for I have found my sheep which was lost. say to you, that likewise joy will be in heaven over one sinner who repenteth, rather than over Luke v. 32. ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no

repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten pieces of silver (a), if she lose one piece, doth not light a lamp, and Psa. exix. 105. sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find o it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had

10 lost. Likewise, I say to you, joy ariseth in the Eze. xviii. 23. presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repenteth.

And he said: A certain man had two sons; 12 and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of thy substance which falleth to me. And he divided unto them

13 his living. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country; and there wasted 14 his substance in riotous living. And when he

had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in 15 that land; and he began to be in want. And he

went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to 16 feed swine. And he would fain have filled his Psa. lxxiii. 22. belly with the husks (b) which the swine were

eating; and no one gave to him. But when he came to himself, he said, How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, while I am perishing here

18 with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I sinned against Psa. xxxii. 5. 10 heaven and before thee; I am no longer worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy

hired servants. And he arose, and went to his father. But while he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on

21 his neck, and kissed him tenderly. And the son Psa. li. 4. said to him, Father, I sinned against heaven,

(a) Or drachmae, about a shilling each. (b) Or pods.

Zec. iii. 4.

Eph. ii. 1. Luke xix. 10.

Psa. xxx. 11.

Jonah iv. 1.

Luke xviii. 11.

Psa. li. 8.

1 Cor. iv. 2. Luke xii. 42. and before thee; I am no longer worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry; for this my 24

it; and let us eat, and be merry; for this my 24 son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found! And they began to be merry.

But his elder son was in the field; and as he 25

came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the 26 servants, and asked what these things might mean. And the servant said to him, Thy 27 brother has come; and thy father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound. And the elder son was angry, and 28 would not go in; but his father came out, and entreated him. And, answering, he said to his 29 father, Lo, these many years I have served thee, neither transgressed I at any time a commandment of thine; yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends; but when this thy son came, who has devoured thy substance with harlots, thou didst kill for him the fatted calf.

And the father said to him, Son, thou art ever 31 with me, and all that I have is thine. It was 32 but right that we should make merry and be glad; for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

AND Jesus said also to the disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a steward; and the same was accused to him that he was wasting his goods. And he called him, and said, How is it that I hear this of thee? render the account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be steward no longer. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord is taking away from me the stewardship; I have not strength to dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So, calling to him each of his lord's debtors, he said to the first, How much owest thou to my

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6 lord? And he said, A hundred firkins of oil. And to him he said, Take thy bill (a), and sit

7 down quickly, and write fifty. Then he said to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, A hundred quarters of wheat. To him he said, Take thy bill (a), and write fourscore.

8 And his lord commended the unrighteous stew- John xii. 36. ard, in that he had done prudently; for the chil- Eph. v. 8. dren of this world are, as to their own generation. more prudent than the children of the light.

And I say to you, Make for yourselves friends Ecc. xi. 1. by means of the mammon (b) of unrighteousness: that, when it fails, they may receive you into the

10 everlasting habitations. He who is faithful in a very little, is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also Matt. xxv. 21. II in much. If therefore ye did not prove faithful in

the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to

12 you the true riches? And if ye did not prove faithful in that which is another's, who will give you

13 that which will be our (c) own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the Josh xxiv. 15. one, and love the other; or he will cling to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve Gop and mammon.

Now the Pharisees, who were avaricious, Matt. xxiii. 14. heard all these things, and derided him,

And he said to them, Ye are they who justify 15 themselves before men. But God knoweth your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of

16 God. The Law and the Prophets were until John; from that time the kingdom of God is Matt. xi 12. preached, and every one forceth his way into it.

Yet it is easier for the heavens and the earth to pass away, than for one tittle of the Law to fail. Psa. cii. 26.

Every one who putteth away his wife and marrieth another, committeth adultery; and whosoever marrieth her who is put away from Matt. v. 32. her husband, committeth adultery.

There was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared

(a) Or, agreement. (b) i.e. riches. (c) Some MSS. have "your."

sumptuously every day; and at his gate was 20 laid a certain poor man named Lazarus, who was full of sores, and longed to be fed with whatever fell from the rich man's table; nay, even the dogs used to come and lick his sores. And 22 it came to pass that the poor man died, and was borne away by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried; and in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father 24 Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to

Matt. viii. 11.

Zec. xiv. 12.

tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and Lazarus likewise evil things; but now he is comforted here, while thou art tormented. And with all this, between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, that they who would pass hence to you may not be able, and that none may cross thence to us.

dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my

Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, 27 that thou wouldest send him to my father's house; for I have five brethren; that he may 28 testify to them, lest they also come into this place of torment. But Abraham said, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham; but if one should go to them from the dead, they will repent. But Abraham said to him, If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither would they be persuaded if one rose from the dead.

2 Cor. iv. 3.

Matt. xviii. 7.

THEN Jesus said to his disciples, It is impossible for occasions of evil not to come; but alas for him through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck, and he were cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to fall away.

Lev. xix. 17.

Take heed to yourselves. If thy brother do wrong, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he wrong thee seven times in the

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day, and seven times turn to thee, saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him.

Matt. vi. 14.

The apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith.

And the Lord said, If ye have faith as a grain Matt. xvii. 20. of mustard seed, ye might say to this sycamine tree, Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea; and it would obey you.

But which of you, having a servant ploughing or shepherding, will say to him, when he has come from the field, Go straightway and sit down 8 at table; and will not rather say to him. Make

ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself and wait on me, till I have eaten and drunken; and o afterwards thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank his servant because he did the things Job xxii. 3.

10 which were commanded? So likewise ye, when ve have done all those things which are commanded you, should say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do.

AND as they were on their way to Jerusalem. 12 he passed between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a certain village, there met him ten Lev. xiii. 46. 13 men, lepers, who stood afar off; and they lifted

up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have 14 pity on us. And when he saw them, he said to them. Go show yourselves to the priests.

it came to pass that as they were going they were 15 cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he 2 Kings v. 14. was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice

16 glorified God, and bowed himself at Jesus' feet, 17 giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan. And John iv. 39. Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed?

18 but where are the nine? Was none found to return to give glory to God but this stranger?

10 And he said to him, Arise, go thy way; thy Matt. ix. 22. faith hath made thee whole.

BUT, being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them and said. The kingdom of God cometh not with

21 outward show; neither will men say, "Lo here!" Luke xxi. 18.

or, "There!" for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you (a).

And he said to the disciples, Days will come, 22 when ye will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and ye will not see it. And they 23 will say to you, "See there!" "See here!"; go not out, nor follow them. For as the lightning 24 lighteneth out of one part under the heavens, and shineth unto another part under the heavens; so will the Son of Man be in his day. But he 25 must first suffer many things, and be rejected by this generation.

And as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be 26 also in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, 27 they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them

all.

Likewise, even as it was in the days of Lot; they 28 ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but the same day in which 29 Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from the heavens and destroyed them all. Even so it will be in the day when the Son of Man 30 is revealed. In that day, let not him who shall 31 be upon the housetop, his goods in the house, go down to remove them; and he who is in a field,

Lot's wife.

let him likewise not turn back.

Whosoever shall seek to gain his life will lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life will preserve it

I tell you, in that night there will be two men 34 on one bed; the one will be taken, and the other left. Two women will be grinding together; the 35 one will be taken, and the other left (b).

And they answered and said to him, Where, 37

Lord?

He said to them. Wherever the body is, there will the vultures also be gathered together.

And he spoke a parable to them to the effect that they ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Gen. vii. 7. Gen. vii. 11.

Gen. xix. 23.

Gen. xix. 26.

Matt. xxiv. 40.

Job xxxix. 30.

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Remember 32

<sup>(</sup>a) Or in the midst of you.
(b) Some MSS. add (v. 36), "Two men will be in the field; one will be taken, and the other left."

2 saying, There was in a certain city a judge, who 3 feared not God, neither regarded man; and there was a widow in that city; and she came often to him, saying, "Avenge me on mine ad-

4 versary." And he would not for a while; but afterwards he said within himself, "Though I Luke xi. 8.

5 neither fear God, nor regard man, yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest

at last by her coming she wear me out."

The Lord said. Hear what the unrighteous 7 judge saith. And will not God avenge His own elect, who cry day and night to Him, and He is Psa. xlvi. 5.

8 long-suffering over them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, will he find faith on the

AND he spoke this parable to certain who Luke x. 29. trusted in themselves that they were righteous,

10 and despised all others: Two men went up to the temple to pray; one a Pharisee and the other a collector. The Pharisee stood and

11 other a collector. prayed, by himself, thus, "God, I thank thee, Isa. lxv. 5. that I am not as the rest of men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this collector.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give a tenth of all that

13 I gain." But the collector, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but smote his breast, saying, "God be merciful Jer. xxxi. 19.

to me a (a) sinner."

I tell you, This man went down to his house justified, more than the other. For every one who exalteth himself will be abased; but he who Job xxii. 29.

humbleth himself will be exalted.

And they were bringing to Jesus their infants Matt. xix. 13.

also, that he might touch them; but when his 16 disciples saw it they rebuked them (b). But Jesus called the infants to him, and said, Suffer the little children to come to me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God (c).

17 I say to you, Verily, whosoever shall not receive Psa. cxxxi. 2. the kingdom of God as a little child doth, he will

in no wise enter it.

(a) Or, the.
(b) See notes, pp. 40 and 90.
(c) Or, to such belongeth the kingdom of God.

AND a certain ruler questioned him, saying, 18 Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

Jesus said to him, Why callest thou me good? 19 none is good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not kill," "Do not steal," "Do not bear false witness," "Honour thy father and thy mother." And he said, All these I have kept 21 from my youth.

And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, Yet 22 lackest thou one thing; sell all that thou hast, and distribute to the poor, and thou shalt have

Deut. v. 17. { Ex. xx. 12. }

1 Tim. vi. 19.

Pro. xi. 28.

Zec. viii. 6.

Rev. ii. 10.

Psa. xxii. } Isa. liii. treasure in heaven; and come, follow me. But 23 when he heard these things he became exceedingly sorrowful; for he was very rich.

Then Jesus, looking upon him, said, With 24 what difficulty those who have riches enter the

kingdom of Goo! For it is easier for a camel to 25 go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of Goo. And those who 26 heard it said, Who, then, can be saved? And he 27 said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with Goo.

Then Peter said, Behold, we forsook what was 28 ours and followed thee.

And he said to them, Verily, I say to you, 29 there is no one who hath left house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who will not receive manifold 30 more in this present time, and in the age to

come everlasting life.

Then he took to himself the twelve, and said 31 to them, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which were written through the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For he will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and shamefully treated, and spit upon; and they will scourge him, and 33

put him to death; and the third day he will rise.

And they understood none of those things; 34 and this saying was hidden from them, and they

knew not the things which were spoken.

NOW, as he came nigh to Jericho, a certain 35 blind man was sitting by the way side begging;

36 and hearing the multitude pass by, he asked 37 what it meant. And they told him, Jesus the

38 Nazarene is passing by. And he cried, saying,

30 Jesus, thou Son of David, have pity on me. And those who went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace; but he cried so much the Psa. lxii. 12. more, Thou Son of David, have pity on me.

And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he drew near, Jesus 41 asked him, What wouldest thou that I should do to thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive

42 sight. Jesus said to him, Receive sight; thy Luke xvii. 19.

43 faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received sight, and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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AND Jesus entered Jericho and was passing And there was a man named Zac-2 through. 3 chæus, a chief collector; and he was rich. And he tried to see what manner of person Jesus was; Josh. vi. 26. and could not for the crowd, for he was little of And he ran on before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him; for he was to 5 pass that way. And when Iesus came to the place, he looked up, and said to him, Zacchæus,

make haste, and come down; for, to-day I must 6 abide in thy house. And he made haste, and 7 came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He has gone to be guest with a man who is a sinner. Luke v. 30.

And Zacchæus stood, and said to the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have exacted any thing from any Psa. xli. 1. o one unjustly, I restore it four-fold. And Jesus said concerning him, This day salvation has come to this house, forasmuch as this man also Luke xiii. 16. to is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has

come to seek and to save that which was lost. As they listened to these things, he added a

parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God 12 would immediately appear. He said therefore:

A certain nobleman went into a far country to Matt. xxv. 14.

John i. 11.

to them ten pounds (b), and said to them, Trade ve till I come. But his citizens hated him, and 14

sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to rule over us.

receive for himself a kingdom (a), and to return. And he called ten of his servants, and delivered 13

And when he had returned, having received 15 the kingdom, he commanded the servants to whom he had given the money, to be called unto him, that he might know what any one had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, 16

Lord, thy pound gained ten pounds. And he 17 said to him, Well done, good servant; because thou wast faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, say- 18

ing, Lord, thy pound made five pounds. And he 19 said likewise to him. Be thou also over five cities.

And that other came, saying, Lord, behold, 20 thy pound! which I kept laid up in a napkin; for 21 I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that which thou layedst not down,

and reapest that which thou didst not sow.

His lord said to him. Out of thine own mouth 22 I will judge thee, thou wicked servant. est thou that I was an austere man, taking up that which I laid not down, and reaping that which I did not sow? Then why gavest thou 23

not my money into a bank? and at my coming I might have required it with interest. And he 24 said to those who stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him who hath the ten

pounds. (And they said to him, Lord, he hath 25 ten pounds.) I say to you, To every one who 26 hath shall be given; and from him who hath not. even that which he hath shall be taken away. But these my enemies, who would not that I 27

should reign over them, bring them hither, and slay them in my presence. And when he had thus spoken, he went before, 28

going up to Jerusalem.

AND when he had come nigh to Bethphage 20 and Bethany, at the mount called Olivet, he sent

(a) Or kingly authority.
(b) Lit. minæ. The mina = about £4.

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Luke xvi. 10.

2 Sam. i. 16.

Luke viii. 18.

Psa. ii. 4.

Matt. xxi. 1.

30 two of the disciples, saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in which at your entering ve will find a colt tied, whereon never man vet

31 sat; loose it, and bring it hither. And if anv one ask you, "Why do ye loose it?" ye shall

32 say, Because the Lord hath need of it. And Psa. 1. 10. those who were sent went their way, and found

33 even as he had said to them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said to them.

34 Why loose ye the colt? And they said. The

35 Lord hath need of it. And they brought it to Jesus; and they cast their garments upon the colt,

36 and set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they John xii, 14.

spread their garments in the way.

And when he had come nigh, even at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty

38 works which they had seen; saying, Blessed is Psa. cxviii. 26.

the King who cometh in the name of the LORD; 39 peace in heaven, and glory in the highest! And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude

40 said to him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. he answered and said, I tell you, if these were to Hab. ii. 11. keep silence, the stones would cry out.

And when he had come nigh, he beheld the 42 city, and wept over it, saying, Oh, that thou, even thou, hadst known, in this day, the things

which belong unto peace! but now they are hid-43 den from thine eyes. For days will come upon Psa. xcv. 11. thee when thine enemies will cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in 44 on every side, and will cast thee to the ground.

and thy children within thee; and they will not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

And he went into the temple, and began to 46 cast out those who sold; saying to them, It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer"; Isa. Ivi. 7. but ye have made it "a den of robbers."

And he taught daily in the temple. But the high priests and the scribes and the chief men of 48 the people sought to destroy him, but could not find what they might do; for all the people were

very attentive to hear him.

Ter. vii. 11.

ON one of the days, as he was teaching the

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Acts iv. 7.

people in the temple, and preaching the gospel, the high priests and the scribes together with the elders came upon him, and spoke to him, saving. Tell us by what authority thou doest these things? or who is he who gave thee that authority? He answered and said to them, I also will ask you a thing; and tell ye me: The baptism of John, was it from heaven? or from men? And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we shall say, "From heaven," he will say, "Why believed ye him not?" but if we say, "From men," all the people will stone us; for they are persuaded that John was a prophet. And they answered, that they knew not whence Then Jesus said to them, Neither tell I

Matt. xiv. s.

Isa. v. 1.

John xv. 16.

you by what authority I do these things. And he began to speak to the people this parable: A man planted a vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. And at the season he sent a serv- 10 ant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard; but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away emptyhanded. Then he sent yet another servant; but II they beat him also, and treated him shamefully. and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent 12 yet a third; and they wounded him also, and cast him out. Then the lord of the vineyard said, What shall 13

Rom. viii. 17.

Neh. ix. 36.

Psa. cxviii. 22. Dan. ii. 34. { Zec. xii. 3. }

that they will reverence him. But when the 14 husbandmen saw him, they reasoned one with another, saying, This is the heir; let us kill him, that the inheritance may become ours. So they 15 cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those hus- 16 bandmen, and will give the vineyard to others.

I do? I will send my beloved son; it may be

And when they heard it, they said, Gop forbid! And he looked upon them, and said, What is 17 this then which is written,

"The stone which the builders rejected. The same became the head of the corner"? Whosoever shall fall upon that stone will be 18 broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust.

And the scribes and the high priests sought to lay hands on him in that very hour, yet were afraid of the people; for they perceived that he had spoken that parable against them.

AND, that they might take hold of his words, Matt. xxii. 15. so as to deliver him to the power and authority of the Governor, they watched him, and sent

forth spies who pretended to be righteous men. 21 And they asked him, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly; neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of

22 God truly; is it lawful for us to give tribute to 23 Cæsar, or not? But he perceived their crafti-

24 ness, and said to them, Show me a denarius. Whose image and superscription hath it? And

25 they said, Cæsar's. And he said to them, Ren-Rom. xiii. 7. der therefore to Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and to God the things which are God's,

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people; and, marvelling at his answer, they held their peace.

THEN came to him certain of the Sadducees,

28 (who deny that there is any resurrection,) and they asked him, Master, Moses wrote to us, that Deut. xxv. 5. if any man's brother, having a wife, die without children, his brother should take his wife, and 20 raise up issue to that brother. Now there were

seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and 30, 31 died without children. And the second and the third took her; and, in like manner, even the

32 seven left no children and died. Afterwards the 33 woman also died. Of which of them, then, does the woman become wife in the resurrection? for

the seven had her as wife. And Jesus said to them, The children of this

35 world marry, and are given in marriage; but Luke xxi. 36. those who shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead,

36 neither marry, nor are given in marriage; for they cannot die any more, since they are like 1 Cor. xv. 40. angels; and are children of God, being children

37 of the resurrection. And, that the dead are

Ex. iii. 6.	raised, even Moses showeth, when (at The Bush) he speaks of the LORD as "the GOD of Abraham, and the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob."		
Rom. xiv. 8.	Now, He is a God, not of dead men, but of living; for, unto Him, all are living.  Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said. For they durst not question him any more.	39	
Psa. cx. 1.	AND he said to them, How say they that the Christ is David's son, whereas David himself saith in the book of Psalms, "The LORD said to my Lord,	41 42	
÷	Sit thou at My right hand, Until I make thy enemies thy footstool." David therefore called him Lord; how then is	43 44	
1 Tim. v. 20.	he his son?  Jesus said to the disciples in the hearing of all the people, Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and love salutations in the		
	markets, and the front seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts; who devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers; these will receive greater condemna-	47	
Mark xii. 41.	tion.  And he looked up, and saw the rich casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.	1 2	21
2 Cor. viii. 12.	And he said, I tell you, Of a truth this poor widow hath cast in more than they all; for all these out of their abundance cast in unto the offerings; but she out of her penury cast in all the living that she had.	3 4	
Matt. xxiv. 1.	AND when some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and	5	
Luke xix. 44.	gifts, he said, As for these things which ye behold, days will come, in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not	6	
	be thrown down.  And they asked him, saying, Master, but when will these things be? and what sign will there be	7	
2 Thess. ii. 3.	when these things are about to come to pass? And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived; for many will come in my name, saying, "I am he"; and "The time is near"; go not after them.	8	

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o And when ye hear of wars and tumults, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not yet.

Then he said to them, Nation will rise against Hag. ii. 22. II nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be great earthquakes, and in divers places pestilences and famines; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from the heavens.

12 But before all these things, they will lay their Acts iv. 3. hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues, and into prisons, and ye will be brought before kings and governors for my

13 name's sake. It will turn out unto you for a 14 testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts,

not to meditate beforehand how ye shall an-15 swer; for I will give you utterance and wisdom, Acts vi. 10.

which all your adversaries will not be able to 16 resist or to gainsay. And ye will be betrayed even by parents, and brothers, and kinsfolk, and

friends; and some of you they will put to death.

17 And ye will be hated by all men for my name's John xvii. 14. 18 sake. But there shall not a hair of your head

10 perish. By your endurance ye will win your souls (a).

But when ye see Jerusalem being compassed with armies, know that her desolation is nigh.

21 Then let those who are in Judæa flee to the mountains; and let those who are in the midst of the city depart out; and let not those who are

22 in the country come in. For these are the days Deut, xxviii, 25. of retribution, that all things which are written

23 may be fulfilled. Alas for those who are with child, and for those who give suck, in those days! for there will be great distress in the land, and

24 wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, Dan. xii. 1. with perplexity, through the roaring of the sea

26 and the billows; men fainting for fear, and for

expectation of those things which are coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be Rev. xiv. 14. shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man 27 coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, 28 look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spoke to them a parable: Behold the 20 Matt. xxiv. 32 fig tree, and all the trees; when they are now 30 shooting forth, ye see and know of your own selves that now summer is nigh. And so, when 31 ve see these things happening, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh. Verily, I say to you, 32 this generation will not pass away, till all has come about. The heavens and the earth will 33 pass away; but my words will not pass away. Isa. xl. 8. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time 34 your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come on you suddenly, like a snare. For it 35 will come on all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But, be wakeful, praying at every 36 Matt. xxv. 13. season, that ye may prevail to escape all those things which will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man. AND each day he was teaching in the temple; 37 and at night he went out, and abode in the mount which is called Olivet. And all the 38 John viii. r. people went early in the morning to him in the temple, to hear him. NOW, the feast of unleavened bread, which is 1 called the Passover, was nigh. And the high priests and scribes were seeking how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, Matt. xxvi. 14. who was of the number of the twelve. And he went his way and communed with the high priests and captains, how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and covenanted Zec. xi. 12. to give Judas money. And he agreed, and sought opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude. AND the day of unleavened bread came, when Ex. xii. the Passover had to be sacrificed. And Jesus

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sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the Passover, that we may eat. And they said o to him, Where wouldst thou that we prepare?

10 And he said to them, Behold, when ye have entered the city, there will meet you a man, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the

11 house which he entereth. And ye shall say to the householder, The Master saith to thee, Where is the guest chamber, where I may eat the

12 Passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make

13 ready. And they went, and found as he had said to them; and they made ready the Passover.

AND when the hour had come, he sat at table, Matt. xxvi. 12.

15 and the apostles with him. And he said to them, I have earnestly desired to eat this Pass-

16 over with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it be fulfilled in

17 the kingdom of God. And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it

18 among yourselves; for I say to you, I shall not drink henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until

10 the kingdom of God has come. And he took Mark xiv. 22. bread, and gave thanks, and broke, and gave to them, saying, This is my body which is being given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

20 And, after they had supped, the cup likewise, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

which is shed for you.

But, behold, the hand of him who betraveth 22 me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goeth, as it was determined; but alas for that

23 man by whom he is betrayed! And they began Luke xxiv. 46. to inquire among themselves which of them it was who would do that thing.

And there arose also a contention among Luke ix. 46. them, as to which of them was esteemed the

25 greatest. And he said to them. The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them are called bene-

26 factors. But ye shall not be so; but he who is greatest among you, let him become as the youngest; and he who is chief, as he who

27 serveth. For, which is greater, he who sitteth



John xiii. 14.

at table, or he who serveth? is it not he who sitteth at table? but I am among you as he who serveth.

Ye are those who have continued with me in 28 my trials. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, 20 even as my Father appointed unto me, that ye 30 may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve

tribes of Israel.

Amos ix. o. John xvii. o.

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan desired to have 31 you all, that he might sift you as wheat; but, as 32 to thee, I besought that thy faith might not fail; and when thou hast turned, strengthen thou thy

brethren. And Simon said to him, Lord, I am 33 ready to go with thee both to prison and to death. Jesus said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock 34 will not crow this day till thou hast thrice denied

that thou knowest me.

Luke ix. 3.

And Jesus said to them, When I sent you forth 35 without purse and wallet and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing. Then said 36 he to them, But now, he who hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a wallet; and he who hath not a purse (a), let him sell his garment, and buy a sword. For I say to you, This that 37 is written must be accomplished in me, "And he was reckoned among the transgressors"; for that which concerneth me hath an end. the disciples said, Lord, behold, here are two

Isa. liii. 12.

Matt. xxvi. 36.

AND he came out, and went, as he was wont, 30 to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he was at the place, he said 40 to them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

swords. And he said to them, It is enough.

And he was withdrawn from them about a 41 stone's cast. And kneeling down, he prayed, 42 saying, Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but

Matt. iv. 11.

Thine, be done. And there appeared unto him 43 an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And 44 falling into an agony, he prayed the more earnestly; and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground.

And he rose from prayer, and came to the 45

(a) Or sword.

disciples, but found them sleeping for sorrow;

46 and he said to them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, Luke xxii. 40. that ye enter not into temptation.

While he was yet speaking, lo, a multitude; Matt. xxvi. 47. and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near to Jesus to kiss

48 him. But Jesus said to him, Judas, betrayest

49 thou the Son of Man with a kiss! When those who were about him saw what would follow, they said, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And

50 one of them smote the servant of the High 51 Priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he

touched the ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the high priests, and captains of the temple, and elders, who had come against him, Have ye come out, with swords and

53 staves, as against a robber? When I was with you daily in the temple, ye stretched not forth your hands against me; but this hour is yours, John xii. 27.

54 and now is the power of darkness. Then they seized him, and led him away, and took him into

the High Priest's house.

And Peter followed afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat among them.

56 But a certain maid saw him as he sat in the fire- Matt. xxvi. 69. light, and, attentively looking upon him, she

57 said, This man also was with him. And he denied it, saying, Woman, I know him not.

58 And after a little while some one else saw him, Matt. xxvi. 71. and said, Thou also art of them. And Peter

50 said, Man, I am not. And about the space of an Mark xiv. 70. hour afterwards, another confidently affirmed, saying. Of a truth this fellow also was with him;

60 for he too is a Galilæan. And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he was yet speaking, a cock crew.

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, Matt. xxvi. 75. how he had said to him, Before the cock crow

62 this day, thou wilt disown me thrice. went out, and wept bitterly.

And the men who had Jesus in charge mocked

64 him, and smote him. And they blindfolded Matt. xxvi. 68.

Acts iv. 26.

Heb. i. 3.

Matt. xxvii. 2.

John xviii. 36.

Psa. lvii. 4.

Luke ix. o

Isa. liii. 3.

him, and asked him, saving, Prophesy, who was it who struck thee? And they spoke many 65 other things against him, reviling him. AND as soon as it was day, the Assembly of 66 Elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led him away into their council, saying, If thou art the Christ, tell 67 us. He said to them, If I tell you, ye will not believe; and if I question you, ye will not an- 68 swer. But henceforth the Son of Man will be 60 sitting at the right hand of the power of Gop. Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of Gop? And he said to them, Ye say truly; I am. And 71 they said, What need have we of any further witness? for we ourselves have heard from his own mouth. AND the whole multitude of them arose, and led him to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king. Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the king of the Jews? And he answered him and 3 said, Thou sayest truly. Then Pilate said to 4 the high priests and to the people, I find no guilt in this man. But they were the more urgent, 5 saying. He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Judæa, and beginning from Galilee even to this place. But when Pilate heard, he asked whether the 6 man was a Galilæan. And as soon as he knew that he was of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceed-8 ingly glad; for he had been a long time desirous to see him, because he had heard of him; and he hoped to see him do some miracle. Herod put many questions to him; but he answered him nothing. And the high priests and 10

scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And II Herod with his soldiers set him at naught, and

mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe,

12 and sent him back to Pilate. And the same day Acts iv. 27. Herod and Pilate became friends; for, before, they were at enmity.

But Pilate called together the high priests and 13 14 the rulers and the people, and said to them. Ye brought to me this man, as one who perverteth the people; and, behold, I examined him before you, but found no guilt in him touching those Luke xxiii. 4.

15 things whereof ye accuse him; no, nor yet Herod; for he sent him back to us; and, behold, nothing worthy of death has been done by him.

16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him (a).

But they cried out all together, saying, Away Acts iii. 14. with this fellow, and release unto us Barabbas; 10 —who for a certain tumult made in the city, and

20 for murder, had been cast into prison. But

Pilate, desiring to release Jesus, spoke again to 21 them. But they kept crying out, saying,

22 Crucify! crucify him! And he said to them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found in him nothing deserving of death; therefore, I will chastise him and let him go. Psa. xxii. 12. 23 And they were urgent with loud voices, ask-

ing that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.

And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as

25 they asked. And he released him who for sedi- Ex. xxiii. 2. tion and murder had been cast into prison, him for whom they were asking: but he delivered Jesus to their will.

And as they led him away, they laid hold of Matt. xxvii. 32. 26 one Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and upon him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

And there followed him a great crowd of the

people, and of women who bewailed and la-28 mented him. But Jesus turning to them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me; weep

rather for yourselves and for your children. Isa. liv. 1. 29 For, behold, days are coming in which they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs which never bore, and breasts which never gave

(a) V. 17. "Now at the feast he must needs release one unto them," is of very doubtful authority.

Hos. x. 8.
Pro. xi. 30.

Matt. v. 44.

suck." Then they will begin to say to the 30 mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do these things in a 31 green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

Isa. liii. 12. And led with had conthey or

And there were also two others, malefactors, 32 led with him to be put to death. And when they 33 had come to the place called The Skull (a), there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one at his right hand, and the other at his left.

Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for 34 they know not what they do.

Psa. xxii. 7.

And in parting his garments among them, they cast lots. And the people stood beholding. 35 And the rulers also derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers 36 also mocked him, coming to him, offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou art the king of the 37 Jews, save thyself. And above him there was 38 an inscription,

## This is the King of the Jews.

Luke xvii. 34.

And one of the malefactors who were hanged 39 was railing on him, Art thou not the Christ? Save thyself and us. But the other, rebuking 40 him, answered and said, Dost thou not fear God, seeing that thou art under the same condemnation? and we indeed justly; for we receive the 41 due reward of our deeds; but this man did nothing amiss. And he said, Jesus, remember 42 me when thou comest into (b) thy kingdom. And 43 Jesus said to him, Verily, I say to thee, to-day

1 Pet. i. 19. 2 Cor. xii. 4.

thou shalt be with me in Paradise.

And it was now about the sixth hour, and 44 there came a darkness over all the land until the ninth hour, the sun's light having failed; and 45 the veil of the sanctuary was rent in the midst. 46 And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and said, Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit. And

Psa. xxxi. 5.

having said this, he expired.

Now, when the centurion saw what was done, 47 he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a

(a) Or (from the Latin word for "skull") Calvary.

(b) Or (according to some authorities) in.

48 righteous man. And all the multitudes who had come together to that sight, when they beheld the things which were done, went home, smiting

40 their breasts. But all his acquaintance, and Mark xv. 40. the women who followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, seeing these things.

AND, behold, a man named Joseph, of Mark xv. 43. Arimathæa (a city of the Jews), who was a

51 councillor, a good and righteous man (he had not consented to their counsel and deed), and

52 was looking for the kingdom of GoD; this man went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus.

53 Then he took it down, and wrapped it in linen; Isa. liii. o. and he laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, in which

54 never yet had any one been laid. And it was Matt. xxvii. 62. the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath drew

55 on. And the women, who had come with him from Galilee followed, and beheld the tomb, and

56 how his body was laid. And they returned, and Mark xvi. 1. prepared spices and ointments.

AND on the Sabbath they rested, according 24 I to the commandment; but, on the first day of Matt. xx iii. I. the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had

2 prepared. But they found the stone rolled 3 away from the sepulchre; and they entered, but found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

And while they were perplexed concerning John xx. 12. this, two men in glittering raiment stood by

5 them, and said to them, when they were afraid and were bowing their faces to the earth, Why

6 seek ve among the dead him who liveth? he is Rev. i. 18. not here, but has risen; remember how he spoke

7 to you while he was yet in Galilee, saying, Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of Luke ix. 22. sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

And they remembered his words, and returned from the tomb, and told all these things to

10 the eleven, and to all the rest. (They were Luke viii. 2.

Mary the Magdalene, and Joana, and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with 11 them told these things to the apostles.) But Gen xix. 14.

John xx. 3.

these words seemed to them as idle talk; and they believed them not. Then Peter arose, and 12 ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he beheld the linen cloths by themselves; and he departed, wondering in himself at that which had come to pass.

Mark xvi. 12.

Mal. iii. 16.

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AND two of the disciples went that same day 13 to a village called Emmaus, which is three score furlongs from Jerusalem. And they were talk-14

ing together of all those things which had happened. And while they talked and reasoned, 15 Jesus himself drew near, and went on with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not 16

recognise him. And he said to them, What dis- 17 courses are these which ye have with each other,

courses are these which ye have with each other as ye walk. And they stood still, looking sad.

John xix. 25.

And one of them, named Cleopas, answered 18 and said to him, Dost thou lodge alone in Jerusalem, that thou hast not known the things which have come to pass there in these days? And he said to them, What things? And they 19 said to him, Those concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who showed himself a prophet mighty in

Acts. xiii. 27.

deed and word before GoD and all the people; and how the high priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we were hoping that he was 21 the one who should redeem Israel. Yea, and besides all this, it is the third day since these

Luke xxiv. 12.

our company, who were early at the sepulchre, made us astonished; for, when they found not 23 his body, they came, saying that they had seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to 24 the sepulchre, and found it even as the women had said: but him they saw not.

things were done; moreover, certain women of 22

Heb. v. 11.

Then he said to them, O foolish men, and slow 25 of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke; ought not the Christ to have suffered these 26

Luke xxiv. 44.

ought not the Christ to have suffered these 26 things, and to have entered into his glory? And, 27 beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he expounded to them, in all the Scriptures, the

things concerning himself.

And they drew near the village whither they were going; and he made as if he would go

29 further. And they constrained him, saying, Gen. xxxii. 26. Abide with us; for it is towards evening, and the day is already far spent. And he went in to 30 abide with them. And when he had sat down

at table with them, he took the bread, and Matt. xiv. 19. 31 blessed, and broke, and gave to them.

their eyes were opened, and they recognised 32 him; and he vanished out of their sight. Then they said to each other, Did not our hearts burn Psa, xxxix, 3. within us, while he talked with us on the way, as he opened to us the Scriptures?

And they arose the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered to-

34 gether, and those who were with them; who said, The Lord has risen indeed, and hath ap- 1 Cor. xv. 5.

35 peared to Simon. And the two declared what things were done on the way, and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

And as they thus spoke, he himself stood in the Mark xvi. 14. midst of them, and said to them, Peace be unto

37 you. But they were terrified and affrighted. 18 and thought that they beheld a spirit. And he Mark vi. 40.

said to them, Why are ye troubled? and why do 30 doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; feel me and see; for

a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye perceive

40 me to have. And when he had thus spoken, he 41 showed them his hands and his feet. While they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he Gen. xlv. 26.

42 said to them, Have ye here any food? And they 43 gave him a piece of a broiled fish; and he took it,

and ate before them.

AND he said to them, These are my words Matt. xvi. 21. which I spoke to you, while I was yet with you, that "all things which are written concerning me Luke xxii, 37. in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets and 45 Psalms, must be fulfilled." Then he opened

their minds that they might understand the 46 Scriptures. And he said to them, Thus it is

written: that the Christ should suffer, and should Isa. liii. 3. 47 rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance unto remission of sins should be Acts v. 31. preached in his name unto all nations, beginning

Isa. xliv. 3.

at Jerusalem. Ye are witnesses of these things. 48 And, behold, I send forth upon you the promise 49 of my Father; but tarry ye in the city until ye be clothed with power from on high.

Acts i. o.

AND he led them out as far as Bethany, and 50 lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And 51 while he was blessing them he was parted from them, and was carried up into heaven (a). And 52 they worshipped him, and (a) returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and were continually in 53 the temple, blessing God.

Acts ii. 46.

(a) Some MSS. omit, from v. 51, the words "and was carried up into heaven"; and from v. 52, "worshipped him and."

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

## JOHN

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word John xvii. 5.
Was with God, and the Word was God. The Phil. ii. 6.
same was in the beginning with God. All things Psa. xxxiii. 6.
were made through him; and without him nothing was made that has been made. In him
swas life; and the life was the light of men. And John v. 26.
the light shineth in the darkness; and the dark- John iii. 19.
ness overpowered it not.

6 THERE came, sent from God, a man, whose Luke iii. 2.
7 name was John. This man came for a testimony, to bear witness of the Light, that all men
8 might believe through him. He was not the Light but was sent to bear witness of the Light

Light, but was sent to bear witness of the Light.

The true Light was that which, coming into the Isa. xlix. 6.

o world (a), enlighteneth every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through him,

11 and the world knew him not. He came to what Acts iii. 26.

was his own, yet those who were his own received 12 him not. But to as many as received him, he

gave the right to become children of God, even Gal. iii. 26.

13 to those who believe on his name; who were Jas. i. 18.
born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh,
nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; and we beheld his glory, glory as of an only-begotten from a Father.

15 AND John bore witness of him and cried saying, This is he of whom I said, "He who cometh after Matt. iii. 11. me is preferred to me, for he was before me." (b).

16 For it is from his fulness that we all received, 17 and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

(a) Or enlighteneth every man as he cometh into the world. (b) Or is now in advance of me, for he was in being before me (Or, first in regard to me).

Ex. xxxiii. 20.

No one hath seen God at any time; God only- 18 begotten (a), who is in the bosom of the Father, he declared Him.

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AND this is the testimony of John, when the 19 Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he 20 confessed, and denied not, but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What 21 Art thou Elijah? And he said, I am Art thou the Prophet? And he answered, Then they said to him, Who art thou? 22 that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the 23 voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the LORD" (as said the prophet Isaiah). And they had been sent from the 24 Pharisees. And they asked him, Why then 25 baptizest thou, if thou art not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet? John answered them, 26 saying, I baptize with water; there standeth in the midst of you one whom ye know not, he who 27 cometh after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to loose.

Mal. iii. 1.

These things were done in Bethany (b) across 28 the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Jud. vii. 24.

THE next day he saw Jesus coming to him, 29 and said, Behold, the Lamb of Gop, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he 30 for whom (c) I said, After me cometh a man who is preferred to me; for he was before me (d). And I knew him not; but I came baptizing 3xwith water, that he might be made manifest to Israel.

Acts xiii. 30.

And John bore witness, saying, I saw the 32 Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it rested upon him. And I knew him not; but He 33 who sent me to baptize with water, the same

John iii. 34.

said to me, He on whom thou shalt see the

<sup>(</sup>a) Some MSS. have, "the only-begotten Son." Both readings are very ancient, but that given in the text is now regarded by many authorities as the earlier. (Cf. vv. 1, 14.)
(b) In some MSS., Bethabara; in others, Betharaba.
(c) Qr on whose behalf.

<sup>(</sup>d) See footnote to v. 15.

Spirit descending and abiding, the same is he 34 who baptizeth with the Holy Spirit. And I saw, Acts i. 5. and bore testimony that this is the Son of God.

THE next day John was standing with two 36 of his disciples; and looking upon Jesus as he 37 walked, he said, Behold, the Lamb of Goo! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they 38 followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned and looked at them as they followed, and he said to them, What seek ye? They said to him, Rabbi (which, being interpreted, is Master), where dwellest 39 thou? He said to them, Come and ye shall see. So they went and saw where he dwelt, and continued with him that day; it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Jesus, was Andrew, Simon Peter's He first found his own brother Simon, and saying to him, We have found the Messiah

42 (which, being interpreted, is Christ), brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked on him and said, Thou Matt. xvi. 18. art Simon the son of John; thou shalt be called Cephas (which is, by interpretation, Peter (a)).

THE day following, Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and finding Philip, he said to him, 44 Follow me. Now, Philip was from Bethsaida, 45 the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the Law, and the Prophets, Luke xxiv. 27.

46 wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph. And Nathanael said to him, Can any good thing come John vii. 41. out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, Come and Num. x. 29.

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, Behold, an Israelite indeed in whom is Psa. xxxii. 2. 48 no guile! Nathanael said to him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said to him, Before Philip called thee, when thou wast 49 under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; John xx. 31.

50 thou art king of Israel. Jesus answered and (a) Or a stone, i.e. a piece of rock.

Gen. xxviii. 12.

said to him, Because I said to thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt him, Verily, verily, I tell you, ye shall see the heavens opened, and the angels of GoD ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

see greater things than these. And he said to 51

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Heb. xiii. 4. Zec. x. 7.

AND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there; and Jesus and his disciples were invited to the marriage. And when the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, They have no wine. And Jesus said to her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? my hour has not yet come. His mother said to the attendants. Whatsoever he saith to you, do it. Now there were set there, according to the custom of purification among the Jews, six stone waterjars, holding two or three firkins apiece. Jesus

Luke v. s.

said to them, Fill the jars with water. they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, Draw out now, and bear unto the ruler of

the feast. And they bore it.

believed on him.

Ecc. ix. 7.

Now, when the ruler of the feast tasted the o water which had become wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the attendants who drew the water knew;) he called the bridegroom, and said to him, Every man setteth forth at the 10 beginning the good wine, and when men have freely drunk, that which is worse; but thou hast kept the good wine until now. Jesus wrought 11 in Cana of Galilee this beginning of his signs, and manifested his glory; and his disciples

Psa. civ. 15. 1 John v. 13.

> After this he went down to Capernaum, with 12 his mother and brothers and his disciples; and they continued there not many days.

Matt. xxi. 12.

AND the Jews' Passover was nigh, and Jesus 13 went up to Jerusalem. And he found in the 14 temple the sellers of oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers sitting. And he made 15 a scourge of cords (a), and drove them all out

(a) Or rushes.

of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and poured out the changers' coins, and overthrew 16 the tables; and said to those who sold doves,

Take these things hence; make not my Father's 17 house a house of merchandise. (His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Thy Psa. lxix. 9.

18 house will devour me.") So the Jews answered and said to him, What sign showest thou to us,

10 seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

The Jews therefore said, Forty-six years was Matt. xxvi. 61. this sanctuary in building, and wilt thou raise it

up in three days?

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(But he was speaking of the sanctuary of his Eph. ii. 21. 22 body. When therefore he had risen from the

dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.)

NOW, while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed on his John xvi. 13.

24 name, beholding the signs which he did. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he

25 knew all men, and needed not that any should testify concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named 2 Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: this man came John vii. 50. to Jesus by night and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do the signs which thou doest,

3 unless God is with him. Jesus answered and John ix. 16. said to him, Verily, verily, I say to thee, unless a man be born anew (a), he cannot see the king-4 dom of God. Nicodemus said to him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter his

mother's womb a second time and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say to thee, unless a man be born of water and of the Spirit,

6 he cannot enter the kingdom of God. which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which

7 is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that 8 I said to thee, Ye must be born anew (a). The

(a) Or from above.

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1 Cor. ii. 14. I John i. 3.

wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the sound thereof but canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth; thus is every one who is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said to him, How can these things be? Jesus 10 answered and said to him. Art thou the teacher of Israel, and yet knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say to thee, we speak that which we know, and testify that which we have seen: vet ve receive not our testimony. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall

ve believe, if I tell you heavenly things? And 13 no one hath ascended to heaven, but he who

came down from heaven, the Son of Man.

Num. xxi. 8.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the 14 wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him may have ever-

1 John iv. o.

lasting life (a). For God so loved the world. that He gave the only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but should have everlasting life. For God sent not 17

Luke ix. 56.

the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world through him should be saved.

John vi. 40.

He who believeth on him is not under judgment; he who believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the 10 judgment, that light has come into the world,

Job xxiv 13.

and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who 20 practiseth evil hateth the light, neither cometh he to the light, lest his deeds should be ex-

I John i. 7.

posed. But he who doeth the truth cometh to 21 the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they were wrought in God.

Matt. xiv. 3.

AFTER these things Jesus and his disciples 22 went into the land of Judæa; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John also was 23 baptizing in Ænon near Salim, because there was much water there; and men went and were baptized. For John had not yet been cast into 24 prison.

(a) Or that whosoever believeth may in him have everlasting life.

Then there arose a questioning on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purifying. 26 And they went to John and said to him, Rabbi, he who was with thee beyond the Jordan, to whom thou hast borne witness, behold, he baptizeth, and all men are going to him.

John answered and said, A man can receive 1 Cor. ii. 12. nothing, unless it hath been given him from

28 heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness that I said, I am not the Christ; but I am sent before 20 him. He who hath the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice; this my joy therefore is 30 fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.

He who cometh from above is over all; he who John vi. 33. 31 is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth; he who cometh from heaven is over all.

32 What he hath seen and heard he testifieth; and

33 none receiveth his testimony. He who received his testimony set his seal to this, that God is 34 true. For he whom God sent speaketh the John vii. 16.

words of God, for He (a) giveth not the Spirit 35 by measure. The Father loveth the Son, and Matt. xxviii. 18.

36 hath given all things into his hand. He who believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he who obeyeth not the Son will not see life; Rom. i. 18. but the wrath of God abideth on him.

WHEN therefore the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that he was making and 2 baptizing more disciples than John (though it was not Jesus himself who baptized, but his disciples), he left Judæa, and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through

Samaria.

So he came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, Gen. xxxiii. 19. near the piece of ground which Jacob gave to his

6 son Joseph. Now, Jacob's well (b) was there. So Jesus, being wearied with his journey, was sitting, just as he was, by the well (b): and it 7 was about the sixth hour. There came a woman

(a) Many good authorities have "God."(b) Or (in verse 6 only) spring, or fountain.

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Acts x. 28.

of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples had gone away to the city to buy food.) Therefore the woman of Samaria said to him, How is it that thou, who art a Jew, askest drink from me, who am a woman of Samaria? (for Jews have no declines with Samarians)

Eph. ii. 8.

am a woman of Samaria? (for Jews have no dealings with Samaritans).

Jesus answered and said to her, If thou hadst 10 known the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, "Give me to drink," thou wouldst have

Isa. xii. 3.

known the girt of Gob, and who it is that sath to thee, "Give me to drink," thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. She said to him, Sir, thou hast 11 nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; whence then hast thou the living water? Art 12 thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, with his children and his cattle? Jesus answered and 13 said to her, Every one who drinketh of this water will thirst again; but whosoever shall 14 drink of the water which I will give him, he shall never thirst; but the water which I will give him shall become in him a fountain of water

John vi. 35, 49.

springing up unto everlasting life.

John vii. 38.

The woman said to him, Sir, give me this 15 water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. He said to her, Go, call thy husband, 16 and come hither. The woman answered and 17 said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, Thou well saidst, "I have no husband"; for 18 thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou hast now is not thy husband; in that, thou hast spoken truly. The woman said to him, Sir, I 19 perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers 20 worshipped in this mountain; but ye say, that

Jud. ix. 7.

worship.

Jesus said to her, Believe me, woman, an hour 21 is coming, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, will ye worship the Father. Ye 22

Jerusalem is the place wherein men ought to

2 Kings xvii. 29.

Jerusalem, will ye worship the Father. Ye 22 worship ye know not what; we know what we worship; for salvation is from the Jews. But 23 an hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for indeed, the Father is seeking

Phil. iii. 3.

such for His worshippers. God is spirit; and 24

those who worship must worship in spirit and 25 truth. The woman said to him, I know that Messiah is coming, who is called Christ; when he

26 hath come he will tell us all things. Jesus said John ix. 37.

to her, I who speak to thee am he.

And upon this his disciples came, and they wondered that he was talking with a woman: yet no one said, "What seekest thou, or why

28 talkest thou with her?" The woman therefore left her waterpot and went her way into the city.

20 and said to the men, Come, see a man who told 30 me all that ever I did. Can this be the Christ? They went out of the city, and came to him.

31 Meanwhile his disciples prayed him, saying, 32 Master, eat. But he said to them, I have food John xvii. 4.

33 to eat which ye know not. Therefore the disciples said one to another, Hath any one brought him any thing to eat?

Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of John. vi. 38 Him who sent me, and to accomplish His work.

35 Say ye not, "There are yet four months before Matt. ix. 37. harvest cometh"? Lo, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and behold the fields, that they are

36 white unto harvest. Already he who reapeth Rom. vi. 22. receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that he who soweth and he who reapeth

37 may rejoice together. For herein is the saying Mic. vi. 15. 38 true, "One soweth, and another reapeth." sent you to reap that whereon ye have not

laboured; others have laboured, and ye have entered upon their labour.

And many of the Samaritans of that city John iv. 29. believed on him for the saving of the woman. who testified. He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans had come to him, they besought him to abide with them; and he abode 41 there two days. And many more believed be-

42 cause of his own word: and they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy John xvii. 8. saying; for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.

AFTER the two days he departed thence into 44 Galilee. For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. Matt. xiii. 57.

Then, when he had gone into Galilee, the Gali- 45 læans received him, because they had seen all the things which he did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

Deut. xvi. 16.

John ii. 11.

SO Jesus went again to Cana of Galilee, where 46 he had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was ill in Caper-When he heard that Jesus had come 47 out of Judæa into Galilee, he went to him, and entreated him to come down and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said 48 Iesus to him, Unless ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman said to him, 40

Sir, come down ere my child die! Jesus said 50

lieved the word which Jesus had spoken to him, and he went his way. And as he was going down, 51 the servants met him, saying, Thy son liveth. He inquired therefore of them the hour in which 52 he began to mend. So they said to him, Yester-

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to him, Go thy way, thy son liveth.

1 Cor. i. 22. ( John xx. 29.)

Matt. viii. 13.

Psa. cvii. 20.

Lev. xxiii. 2. Neh. iii. 1.

Pro. viii. 17.

day at the seventh hour the fever left him. The father therefore knew that it was at the 53 same hour at which Jesus had said to him, Thy son liveth. And he himself and all his household believed. Now, Jesus did this further, 54 as a second sign, after he had come out of Judæa into Galilee

AFTER these things there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethzatha (a), and has five cloisters. In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, halt, withered (b), waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water; whosoever then first after the troubling of the water went in, was cured of whatever disease he had (b). Now, a

(a) Or House of the Olive; some MSS. have Bethesda (House of Mercy); others, variously, Bethsaida, etc.
(b) The words, "waiting disease he had" (v. 3 to end of v. 4), are omitted, in whole or in part, by many

ancient authorities.

certain man was there, who had had his infirmity 6 thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him Psa. cxlii. 3. lying, and knew that he had now spent a long time thus, he said to him, Wouldst thou be made

7 well? The infirm man answered him, Sir, I have Deut. xxxii. 36. no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool; but while I am going, another

8 steppeth down before me. Jesus said to him, o Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made well, and took up his bed, and walked.

Now, that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who had been cured. It is

the Sabbath; and it is not lawful for thee to Jer. xvii. 21.
11 carry thy bed. But he answered them, He who made me well, the same said to me, "Take up

12 thy bed, and walk." They asked him, Who is the man that said to thee, "Take it up, and

13 walk"? But he that was healed knew not who it was; for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude Luke iv. 30. being in the place.

Afterwards Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, Behold, thou art made well; John viii, 11. sin no more, lest some worse thing befall thee.

15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. And, for this, the Jews began to persecute Jesus, because he 17 was doing these things on the Sabbath. But

he answered them, My Father worketh even John ix. 4. 18 until now, and I work. For this, then, the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but also had said that God was his own father, claiming to be equal with God.

Jesus therefore answered and said to them, Verily, verily, I say to you, the Son can do John v. 30. nothing of himself, but only what he seeth the

Father doing; for what things soever He doeth, 20 these also the Son doeth likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all John iii. 35. things which He Himself doeth; and He will show him greater works than these, that ye

21 may marvel. For as the Father raiseth the dead, and giveth them life; even so the Son John xi. 25. 22 giveth life to whom he will. For the Father

judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment to the Son; that all should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He who honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father who sent him.

John vi 40.

Eph. ii. 1.

Verily, verily, I say to you, he who heareth 24 my word and believeth on Him who sent me, hath everlasting life, and cometh not into judgment, but has passed from death unto life. I 25 say to you, Verily, verily, an hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. For as the Father hath life in Himself, so also 26 He gave to the Son to have life in himself: and 27

1 Cor. xv. 45.

because he is a son of man.

Marvel not at this; for an hour is coming in 28 which all who are in the graves will hear his voice, and will come forth; those who did good, 29 unto a resurrection of life; those who practised

He gave him authority to execute judgment.

Dan. xii. 2.

Matt. xxv. 46.

evil, unto a resurrection of judgment.

I can do nothing of my own self; as I hear, I 30 judge; and my judgment is righteous; because I seek not my own will, but the will of Him who sent me. If I bear witness concerning myself, 21

John v. 19.

sent me. If I bear witness concerning myself, 31 mine is not true witness. There is another who 32 beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which He beareth concerning me is true.

John i. 7.

Ye yourselves sent to John, and he bore witness to the truth. Now, I receive not witness 3. from man; but I say these things that ye may

Matt. xxi. 26.

from man; but I say these things that ye may be saved. John was the burning and shining 35 lamp; and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

Matt. iii. 17.

But I have greater witness than that of John; 36 for, the works which the Father hath given me to accomplish, the selfsame works which I do, bear witness concerning me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father who sent me, 37 He hath borne witness concerning me. Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen

Isa. viii. 20.

His form. And ye have not His word abiding 38 in you; for ye believe not him whom He sent. Ye search (a) the Scriptures, for ye think that 30

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in them ve have eternal life; it is even they 40 which testify of me. Yet ye will not come to me that ye may have life.

I receive not honour from men: But I know Thess. ii. 6.

43 you, that ye have not the love of Gop in you. have come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name,

44 him ye will receive. How can ye believe, who receive honour one from another, and seek not John xii. 43. the honour which cometh from the only Gop?

45 Think not that I will accuse you to the Father;

there is one already who accuseth you, even 46 Moses, on whom we have rested your hope. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Luke xvi. 31.

47 me; for he wrote concerning me. But if ye believe not his writings, how will ye believe my words?

AFTER these things Jesus went over the Sea 2 of Galilee (which is the Sea of Tiberias). And a great multitude followed him, because they had seen the miracles which he wrought on those 3 who were infirm. And Jesus went up on to the mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. 4 Now, the Passover, (the feast of the Jews,) was nigh.

Then Jesus lifted up his eyes, and saw a great

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multitude coming to him, and said to Philip, Whence are we to buy loaves, that these may 6 eat? And this he said to try him; for he him-7 self knew what he was about to do. Philip answered him, Two hundred shillingsworth of

loaves is not sufficient for them, that each may 8 take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Num. xi. 21.

9 Simon Peter's brother, said to him, There is a lad here who has five barley loaves, and two small fishes; but what are these for so many? 10 Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there

was much grass in the place. So the men sat Neh, ix. 25. 11 down, in number about five thousand. Jesus therefore took the loaves; and gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated; and

likewise of the fishes, as much as they would. When they were satisfied, he said to his dis-I 2 ciples, Gather together the broken pieces which Neh. viii. 10.

Matt. xiv. 15. Mark vi. 30. Luke ix. 10.

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are over, that nothing be lost. So they gathered 13 them together, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces, which were over from the five barley loaves after the people had eaten.

Then those men, when they had seen the sign 14 which he wrought, said, This is of a truth the prophet who was to come into the world. Jesus, 15 therefore, knowing that they were coming to take him by force to make him king, withdrew

again to the mountain himself alone.

And when evening had come, his disciples 16 went down to the sea, and, entering a boat, went 17 over the sea towards Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. And the sea was rising by reason of a 18 strong wind which blew. So, when they had 19 rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing nigh to the boat; and they were afraid. But he 20 said to them, It is I; be not afraid. Then they 21 were desirous to receive him into the boat; and immediately it was at the land whither they were going.

THE day following, the multitude which was standing at the other side of the sea, saw that there had been at that place no boat save one (a) and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away by themselves.

(Other boats from Tiberias came nigh to the 23 place where, after the Lord had given thanks,

they had eaten the bread.)

Therefore when the multitude saw that Jesus 24 was not there, neither were his disciples, they entered the boats, and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. And when they had found him 25 on the other side of the sea, they said to him, Master, when camest thou hither? Jesus 26 answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say to you, ye seek me, not because ye saw the signs, but because ye ate of the loaves and were satisfied. Labour not for the food which perisheth. 27

John vi. 54

John vi 17.

Gen. xlix. 10.

Matt. xiv. 23.

Psa. cvii. 25.

<sup>(</sup>a) Some MSS. add, "that into which his disciples had gone."

but for the food which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you; for on him God the Father hath set His seal.

They therefore said to him. What must we do. 28 29 that we may work the works of GoD? Jesus answered and said to them, That ye should 1 John iii. 23.

believe on him whom He sent, this is the work of

30 God. They said therefore to him, What doest thou, then, as a sign? that we may see it, and 31 believe thee. What dost thou work? Our

fathers ate the manna in the wilderness: as it is Psa. lxxviii. 24. written, "Out of the heavens He gave them Ex. xvi. 16.

bread to eat."

32 Jesus therefore said to them, Verily, verily, I say to you, It is not Moses who hath given you the bread out of the heavens; but my Father giveth you the true (a) bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he who cometh down Gal. iv. 4. from heaven, and giveth life to the world.

34 They said therefore to him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he Rev. vii. 16. who cometh to me will never hunger; and he

36 who believeth on me will never thirst. But I said to you, that ye have seen me, and yet be-37 lieve not. All that which the Father giveth me Psa. cii. 17.

will come to me; and him who cometh to me I 38 will in no wise cast out. For I have come down from heaven, to do not my own will, but the 39 will of Him who sent me. And this is the will John x. 28.

of Him who sent me, that of all that He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should

40 raise it at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who seeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have everlasting John xi. 25. life; and I will raise him at the last day.

THE Jews therefore murmured about him, because he said, I am the bread which came down

42 from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, Matt. xiii. 55. Joseph's son, whose father and mother we know? how doth he now say, I have come down from

Jesus answered and said to them, Murmur not 44 among yourselves. No one can come to me

(a) lit. real.

Isa. liv. 13.

unless the Father who sent me draw him; and I will raise him at the last day. It is written in 45 the Prophets, "And they all shall be taught by God." Every one who hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, cometh to me. Not 46 that any one hath seen the Father, except him who is from GoD; he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say to you, he who believeth 47 hath everlasting life. I am the bread of life. 48 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, 40 and died. This is the bread which cometh down 50 from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came 51 down from heaven; if any one eat of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I will

Ex. xvi. 15. Heb. x. 5.

give for the life of the world is my flesh. The Jews therefore contended among them- 52 selves, saying, How can this man give us his John iii. 9. flesh to eat?

Therefore Iesus said to them, Verily, verily, 53 I say to you, unless ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my 54 blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him at the last day. For, my flesh is true food, and my 55

Matt. xxvi. 26.

and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I abide in him. As the living Father sent me, 57 and I live because of (a) the Father; so he who eateth me, even he will live because of (a) me. This is the bread which came down from heaven: 58 not as your fathers ate, and died; he who eateth

blood is true drink. He who eateth my flesh, 56

1 Cor. xv. 22.

this bread will live for ever. These things he said to them in the synagogue, 50 as he taught in Capernaum. Therefore many 60 of his disciples, when they heard this, said, This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?

But Jesus knew in himself that his disciples 61 murmured at it, and he said to them. Doth this lead you astray? What then if ye shall see the 62 Son of Man ascend to where he was before? The spirit is that which giveth life; the flesh 63 2 Cor. iii. 6. profiteth nothing; the words which I have

spoken to you are spirit and are life. But some 64 (a) Or for the sake of.

of you believe not. (For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who believed not, and 65 who it was who would betray him.) And he said, Therefore said I to you that no one can John vi. 44. come to me, unless it hath been given him by the

Thereupon many of his disciples went back, Zeph. i. 6

67 and walked no more with him. Jesus therefore 68 said to the twelve, Will ye also go away? Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go?

Father.

60 thou hast words of eternal life. And we believe Acts v. 20. and know that thou art the Holy One of God.

70 Jesus answered them, Did not I choose you, the

71 twelve? and of you one is a devil! (He spoke of John xiii. 27. Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, one of the twelve, for he it was who would betray him.)

And after these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for he would not walk in Judæa, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.

NOW, the Jews' feast of Tabernacles was at Lev. xxiii. 34. 3 hand. His brothers therefore said to him, Depart hence, and go into Judæa, that thy disciples also may see thy works which thou doest.

4 For no one doeth any thing in secret, yet himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou doest

5 these things, manifest thyself to the world. (For Mark iii. 21. neither did his brothers believe on him.)

So Iesus said to them, My time has not yet 7 come; but your time is always ready. The John xv. 19. world cannot hate you; but it hateth me, because I testify concerning it, that its works are

8 evil. Go ye up to the feast; I go not yet up to the feast; for my time has not yet fully come. Having said these words to them, he remained

10 in Galilee. But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not openly,

11 but as it were in secret. The Jews therefore John xi. 56. sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? 12 And there was much murmuring among the

multitudes concerning him; some said, He is a good man; while others said. Nav. but he 13 seduceth the multitude. Howbeit, through fear

of the Jews, no one spoke of him openly. Now, about the midst of the feast, Iesus went 14

up into the temple, and taught. The Tews 15 Matt. xiii. 54. therefore marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, never having learned? Jesus therefore answered them and said, My 16 doctrine is not mine, but that of Him who sent me. If any one be willing to do His will, 17 Psa. cxix. 100. he shall know of the doctrine, whether it is from God, or whether I speak from myself. He who 18 speaketh from himself seeketh his own glory: but he who seeketh the glory of Him who sent Pro. xxv. 27. him, is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Rom. iii. 10. him. Did not Moses give you the Law? and yet 19 none of you doeth the Law. Why seek ve to kill me? The multitude answered. Thou hast an evil 20 spirit. Who seeketh to kill thee? Jesus answered and said to them, I have done 21 one work, and ye all marvel. For this cause 22 Lev. xii. 3. Moses hath given you circumcision—yet it is not from Moses, but from the fathers-and ye circumcise a male on a Sabbath. If then a male 23 receives circumcision on a Sabbath, lest the Law of Moses should be broken, are ye angry at me, because I have made a man perfectly whole on a Sabbath? Judge not according to appearance, 24 Deut. i. 16. but judge righteous judgment. Some of those who belonged to Jerusalem 25 therefore said, Is not this he whom they seek to kill. But, lo, he speaketh openly, and they say 26 nothing to him. Do the rulers know indeed Matt. xiii. 55. that this is the Christ? yet we know whence this 27 man is; but when the Christ cometh, no one knoweth whence he is. So Jesus cried out in the temple as he taught, 28 saying, Ye know both who and whence I am. Yet I have not come of myself, but He who sent me is true, whom ye know not. I know Him; 29 for I am from Him, and He sent me. John x. 15. Therefore they sought to take him; but no 30 man laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. And many of the multitude 31 believed on him, and said, When the Christ John iv. 39. cometh, will he do more signs than those which

this man did?

ing these things concerning him; and the high priests and the Pharisees sent officers to take him.

Jesus therefore said, Yet a little while I am John xiii. 33. 33 34 with you, and I go to Him who sent me. Ye will seek me and will not find me; and where I

am, thither ye cannot come.

Therefore the Jews said among themselves, 35 Whither is he going, that we shall not find him? Will he go to the Dispersion among the Greeks 36 (a), and teach the Greeks (a)? What word is this which he said, "Ye will seek me, and will not find me; and where I am, thither ye cannot

ON the last day, the great day of the feast, 37 Tesus stood and cried out, saying, If any one 38 thirst, let him come to me, and drink. He who believeth on me, from within him, as the scripture said, rivers of living water will flow.

(But this he spoke concerning the Spirit, which 39 those who believed on him would receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus

was not yet glorified.)

come?"

Some of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, Of a truth this is the 41 Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But

some said. What! doth the Christ come out of 42 Galilee? Did not the scripture say that the Psa. lxxxix. 4. Christ cometh of the seed of David, and from Mic. v. 1.

43 Bethlehem, the city where David was? So there arose a division among the multitude be-44 cause of him. And some of them would have

taken him; but no one laid hands on him.

So the officers went back to the high priests and Pharisees, who said to them, Why did ye 46 not bring him? The officers answered, Never Luke iv. 22.

47 did man speak as this man speaks. Pharisees therefore answered them, Are ye also

48 deceived? has any of the rulers or of the Phari-49 sees believed in him? but this multitude, as

knowing not the Law, are accursed.

Nicodemus, who had come to Jesus before, 50

Isa. lv. 1. Isa. lviii. 11. Isa. xliv. 3. Zec. xiii. 1.

Zec. xiv. 8.

(a) Or Gentiles.

Deut. xvii. 8.

being one of them, said to them, Doth our Law 51 judge a man unless it hath first heard him and hath learnt what he doeth? They answered 52 and said to him, Art thou also of Galilee? search, and see that out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

(a) And every one went to his own house. 53 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. And 1, early in the morning he went again into the temple; and all the people came to him; and he sat down, and taught them.

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Luke xx. 20.

Lev. xx. 10.

Deut. xxi. 21.

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Deut. xvii. 7.

John iii. 17. John v. 14.

John xii. 35.

And the scribes and the Pharisees brought to him's woman taken in adultery; and having set her in the midst, they said to him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now, Moses in the Law commanded us that such should be stoned; what therefore sayest thou? But this they said to prove him, that they might have whereof to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground.

So when they continued asking him, he lifted himself up, and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to cast the stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. But they, hearing it, and being convicted by their own consciences, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last, and Jesus was left alone, with the woman standing in the midst.

When Jesus had lifted himself up, and saw no ro one but the woman, he said to her, Woman, where are those thy accusers? did no one condemn thee? She said, No one, Lord. And rr Jesus said to her, Neither do I condemn thee; go thy way, and sin no more.

go my way, and am no more.

JESUS therefore spoke again to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who followeth me will not walk in darkness, but will

<sup>(</sup>a) The narrative from vii. 53 to viii. It is omitted from many ancient MSS, and the wording of the latter part of it is slightly varied by different authorities. It is not in the Codex Sinaticus, or in the Codex Vaticanus, two of the oldest. But it has all the internal evidence of truth.

13 have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said to him, Thou bearest witness of thyself:

14 thy witness is not trustworthy. Jesus answered John v. 31. and said to them, Though I bear witness of myself, my witness is trustworthy; for I know whence I came and whither I go; but ye know

15 not whence I came or whither I go. Ye judge

16 according to the flesh; I judge no one. And even if I should judge, my judgment is true; for Deut, xix, 15. I am not alone, but He who sent me is with me:

17 and even in your own Law it is written that the 18 witness of two men is trustworthy. I am the bearer of witness to myself: and the Father who

sent me. He beareth witness to me.

Therefore they said to him, Where is thy father? Jesus answered, Ye know neither me, nor my Father; if ye had known me, ye would

20 have known my Father also. These words he Mark xii. 41, spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on him: (for his hour had not yet come.)

So he said again to them, I go my way, and ye John vii. 34. will seek me, and will die in your sin; whither I

22 go, ye cannot come. Therefore the Jews said. Will he kill himself? that he saith, Whither I go,

23 ye cannot come. And he said to them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above; ye are of this 24 world; I am not of this world. I said therefore

to you that ye will die in your sins; for if ye Mark xvi, 16. believe not that I am, ye will die in your sins.

25 Therefore they said to him, Who art thou? Jesus said to them, How is it that I even speak

26 to you at all? I have many things to say and to judge concerning you; but He who sent me is John vii. 28. true; and I speak to the world those things which

27 I heard from Him. They understood not that he was speaking to them of the Father.

28 Jesus therefore said, When ye have lifted up John iii, 14. the Son of Man, then ye will know that I am , and that I do nothing by myself alone; but as the Father taught me, I speak these things.

20 And He who sent me is with me; He hath not left me alone; for I do always those things which please Him.

30 As he spoke these words, many believed on John x. 42. Hos. vi. 3.

Therefore Jesus said to those Jews who 31 had believed him. If ye abide in my word, ye are my disciples indeed; and ye will know the truth, 32 and the truth will make you free. They answered him, We are Abraham's seed, and have never yet been in bondage to any one; how sayest thou then, Ye shall be made free.

Rom. vi. 16.

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say to 34 you, whosoever committeth sin is a servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house 35 for ever; the son abideth for ever. If, there- 36 fore, the Son shall make you free, ye will be free indeed. I know that ye are Abraham's seed; 37 but ye seek to kill me, because my word maketh no way in you. I speak the things which I have 38 seen with the Father; therefore, do ye also the things which we heard from the Father (a).

Rom. viii. 2.

They answered and said to him, Abraham is 30 our father.

Rom. ii. 28.

Jesus said to them, If ye are Abraham's children, ve do Abraham's deeds. But now ye 40 seek to kill me, a man who hath told you the truth which he heard from Gon; this Abraham did not. Ye do the deeds of your father. They 41 said to him, We were not born of fornication:

Isa, lxiii, 16.

we have one Father, even God.

Mal. i. 6.

Iesus said to them, if God were your Father, 42 ye would love me; because I came forth from God and I am come; for I have not come of myself, but He sent me. Why do ye not under- 43 stand my speech? it is because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the 44 lusts of your father ye desire to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and stood not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father thereof. And 45

Matt. xiii. 38.

because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convicteth me of sin? If I speak 45

Heb. iv. 15. the truth, why do ye not believe me? He who 47

is of God heareth the words of God; ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. The Jews answered, and said to him, Say we 48

(a) Or do ye (or ye do) therefore the things which ye heard from your father.

not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast an John vii. 20. 40 evil spirit? Jesus answered, I have not an evil

spirit; but I honour my Father, and ye dis-50 honour me. But I seek not my own glory; 51 there is One who seeketh and judgeth. Verily,

verily, I say to you, if a man keep my saying, he 52 will never see death. The Jews said to him,

Now we know that thou hast an evil spirit. Abraham died, and the prophets died; and Zec. i. 5. thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he will

53 never taste death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, for he died? the prophets also died: whom callest thou thyself?

Jesus answered, If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing: it is my Father who glorifieth me; John xvii. 1.

55 He of whom ye say, "He is our Goo"; yet ye have not known Him; but I know Him; and if I should say, I know Him not, I should be false like you; but I know Him, and keep His sayings.

56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; 57 and he saw, and was glad. Therefore the Jews Gen. xxii. 12.

said to him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, 58 and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to

them, Verily, verily, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am. Therefore they took up stones to cast at him;

but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

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AND as he passed along, he saw a man who 2 had been blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind?

Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor John xi. 4. did his parents; but it was that the works of God 4 should be made manifest in him. While it is

day, we must work the works of Him who sent Ecc. ix. 10. me; the night cometh, when no one can work. John i. 5.

5 Whensoever I am in the world, I am light to the 6 world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and kneaded clay with the spittle; and he put the clay on the eyes of the blind 7 man, and said to him, Go, wash in the pool of

Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent). So Neh. iii, 15.

he went his way, and washed, and came seeing.

Therefore the neighbours and those who before had observed him that he had been a beggar, said, Is not this he who sat and begged? Others said, This is he. Others said No, but he is like

him. But he said, I am he.

John ix. 6.

Therefore they said to him, How, then, were 10 thine eyes opened? He answered, The man who 11 is called Jesus kneaded clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam, and wash"; so I went and washed, and received sight. And 12 they said to him, Where is he? He said, I know not. They brought to the Pharisees him who 13 before had been blind.

Now the day whereon Jesus kneaded the clay, 14 and opened the man's eyes, was a Sabbath. Again, therefore, the Pharisees also asked him 15 how he had received sight. He said to them.

He put clay on mine eyes, and I washed; and I see. Therefore some of the Pharisees said, This 16 man is not from GoD, for he keepeth not the Sabbath. Others said, How can a man who is

a sinner work such signs? And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind 17 man again, What sayest thou of him, in that he opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

But the Jews did not believe concerning him 18 who had received sight, that he had been blind and had received sight, till they had called his parents. And they questioned them, saying 19 Is this your son, who, we say, was born blind? how then doth he now see? So his parents 20 answered and said, We know that this is our son,

and that he was born blind; but by what means 21 he now seeth, or who opened his eyes, we know not; ask him, he is of age; he shall speak for himself.

These words his parents spoke, because they 22 feared the Jews; for the Jews had agreed already, that if any one acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore the man's parents said, He is of age, 23

ask him. So a second time they called the man 24 who had been blind, and said to him, Give glory

John ix. 31.

John iv. 19.

Isa xxvi. 11.

John vii. 13.

Josh. vii. 19.

to God; we know that this man is a sinner. 25 therefore answered, Whether he is a sinner, I know not; one thing I know, that whereas I

26 was blind, now I see. Therefore they said to him, What did he to thee? how did he open thine

27 eves? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not heed; wherefore would ye hear it again? would ye also become his disciples?

28 And they reviled him, and said, Thou art his 1 Pet. ii. 23. 20 disciple: but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God hath spoken to Moses; as for

this man, we know not whence he is. The man answered and said to them, Why, herein is the marvel, that ye know not whence

31 he is, and yet he opened mine eyes. We know that God heareth not sinners, but if any one Pro. xxviii. 9. honoureth God, and doeth His will, him He

32 heareth. Since the world began it has not been heard that any one opened the eyes of one born

33 blind. If this man were not from God, he could John ix. 2. do nothing.

They answered and said to him. Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us?

35 And they cast him outside. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and he found him, and said, Dost thou believe on the Son of Man (a)? I John v. 13.

36 He answered and said, And who is he, Lord,

37 that I may believe on him? Jesus said to him, John iv. 26.

Thou hast seen him, and he it is who talketh 38 with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe.

30 And he worshipped him And Jesus said, For judgment I came into this world, that those who see not might see; and that those who see

40 might become blind. And those of the Phari- Rom. ii. 10. sees who were with him heard these words, and 41 said to him, Are we also blind? Jesus said to

them. If ye were blind, ye would have no sin; but, as it is, ye say, "We see"; your sin remaineth. VERILY, verily. I say to you, he who goeth

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not in through the gate into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief 2 and a robber. But he who goeth in through the Heb. v. 4.

3 gate is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper openeth; and the sheep hear his voice;

(a) Some MSS, have, Son of God.

2 Tim. iii. 5.

leadeth them out. When he hath put forth all his own he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. And a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers.

and he calleth his own sheep by name and,

John xvi. 25.

This similitude (a) Jesus spoke to them; but they understood not what things they were

which he spoke to them.

Eph. ii. 18.

Heb. xiii. 20.

2 Tim. ii. 10.

Isa. xlix. 6.

Isa. liii. 7.

Ezek. xxxiv. 23.

Therefore Jesus said again, Verily, verily, I am the gate for the sheep. All those who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. I am the gate; if any

one enter through me, he will be safe (b), and will go in and go out, and will find pasture. thief cometh only to steal, and to slay, and to

destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. I am the good II shepherd; the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not 12

a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and 13 fleeth, because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep; and the wolf snatcheth and scat-

tereth them. I am the good shepherd, and 14 know my own, and my own know me, even as 15 the Father knoweth me, and as I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have which are not of this 16 fold: them also I must lead, and they will hearken to my voice; and there shall be one

flock, with one shepherd.

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I 17 lay down my life that I may take it again. No 18 one took it from me; but I lay it down of myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This command-

ment I received from my Father.

There arose again a division among the Jews, 19 John vii. 20. because of these sayings. And many of them 20 said, He hath an evil spirit, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the 21 words of him who hath an evil spirit; can an

evil spirit open blind men's eyes?

(a) Or proverb.

(b) Or saved.

IN Jerusalem it was then the feast of the 23 Dedication; it was winter. And Jesus was Acts iii, 11.

walking in the temple, in Solomon's cloister.

24 The Jews therefore came round about him, and kept saying to him, How long dost thou keep us in suspense? If thou art the Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believe not; the works which I do in my Father's 26 name testify of me: but ye believe not, because

27 ye are not of my sheep. My sheep hear my 28 voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and John x 4. I give them eternal life; and they will never perish, neither shall any one snatch them out of

20 my hand. That which my Father hath given John xvii. 11. me, is greater than all these (a); and no one is

30 able to snatch it (b) out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.

The Jews again took up stones to stone him. John viii. 59. 31 32 Jesus answered them, I have shown you many

good works from the Father; for which of those 33 works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy, and because thou, being a man, dost claim to be Gop.

Iesus answered them, Is it not written in your

35 Law, "I said, ye are gods?" If He called them Psa. lxxxii. 6. gods, unto whom the word of God came-and

36 the Scripture cannot be broken—say ye of him whom the Father consecrated, and sent into the world, "Thou blasphemest," because I said, I 37 am the Son of God? If I do not the works of John xiv. 10.

38 my Father, believe me not. But if I do them, though ye believe not me, believe the works; that ye may know and understand that the Father is in me, and that I am in the Father.

Therefore they sought again to take him; but

40 he escaped out of their hand, and went away John i. 28. again beyond Jordan to the place where John at

41 first baptized; and there he abode. And many resorted to him, and said, John wrought no sign; but all things which John spoke of this man were

42 true. And many believed on him there

(a) Some MSS, have, "My Father who gave me them, is greater than all."

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Luke x. 38.

John xi. 40. John xi. 6, 15.

John xi. 4, 15.

Acts xx. 24.

Deut. xxxi. 16.

1 Chr. vii. 22.

NOW, a certain man, Lazarus of Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha, was ill. (The Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, was she whose brother Lazarus was ill.) Therefore the sisters sent to Jesus, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is ill. When Jesus heard it, he said. This illness is not unto death, but rather for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified thereby. (Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.) Therefore when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he abode vet two days in the place where he was. Then, afterwards, he said to the disciples. Let us go into Iudæa again. His disciples said to him, Rabbi, the Jews of

late sought to stone thee; and goest thou

thither again?

Jesus answered. Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any one walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if any one walk in the night, he stumbleth, 10 because the light is not in him.

These things he spoke; and afterwards he said 11 to them, Lazarus, our friend, has fallen asleep: but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. So the disciples said to him, Lord, if he has fallen 12 asleep, he will be made whole. (Now, Jesus had 13 spoken of his death; but they thought that he spoke of his taking rest in sleep.) So Jesus 14 then said to them plainly, Lazarus is dead; and 15 for your sakes I am glad that I was not there, to the intent that ye may believe; nevertheless let us go to him. Thomas (who is called Didymus 16 (a) said therefore to his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

So when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus 17 had been in the tomb four days already. Now 18 Bethany was nigh to Jerusalem, being about fifteen furlongs off; and many of the Jews had 19 come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. Martha therefore, as 20

soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went

(a) ie Twin.

to meet him; but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Martha, then, said to Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died.

22 And I know now, that whatsoever thou wilt ask John ix. 31.

23 of God, He will give it thee. Jesus said to her,

24 Thy brother shall rise. Martha said to Jesus, I John v. 20. know that he will rise in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection, and Job xix. 26. the life; he who believeth on me, though he die,

26 yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest

27 thou this? She said to him, Yea, Lord; believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God.

28 even he who should come into the world. And when she had said this, she went her way and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The John xiii. 13.

29 Master has come, and calleth thee. And she, when she heard it, arose quickly and went to

30 him. (Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was yet in the place where Martha

31 had met him.) The Jews, therefore, who were with her in the house, comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up hastily and went out, followed her, thinking, She goeth to the grave to weep there.

So Mary came to the place where Jesus was, and saw him, and fell down at his feet, saying to him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my John xi. 37.

33 brother would not have died. Therefore when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping who came with her, he groaned in spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have 34 ye laid him? They said to him, Lord, come and

see.

lesus wept. 35

Therefore the Jews said, Behold how he loved 37 him! But some of them said, Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

Jesus therefore, groaning again in himself, went to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone Mark xvi. 3.

39 lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the

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stone. Martha, the sister of him who was dead. said to Jesus, Lord, by this time he stinketh; as John xi. 4, 6, 15, 23. it is now the fourth day. Jesus said to her, 40 Said I not to thee, that if thou wouldst believe. thou shouldst see the glory of God? So they 41 took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, John xi. 35. I thank Thee that Thou heardest me. Yet I 42 know that Thou hearest me always; but because of the multitude who stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou didst send me. And when he had spoken thus, he cried with a 43 1 Kings xvii. 22. loud voice, Lazarus, come forth! He who had 44 died came forth, bound hand and foot with gravecloths; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said to them, Loose him, and let him go. Therefore many of the Jews who had come to 45 Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the 46 Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had So the high priests and the Pharisees 47 Psa. ii. 2. gathered a council, and said. What do we? for this man worketh many signs. If we let him 48 alone in this way, all men will believe on him; Acts iv. 16. and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. John xviii. 14 But one of them, Caiaphas, being the High 49 Priest that year, said to them, Ye know nothing at all, nor do ye bear in mind that it is expedient 50 for you that one man should die for the people. and that the whole nation perish not. (Now 51 this he spoke, not from himself; but, being Luke xxiv. 46. High Priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation; and not only for the 52 nation, but also to gather into one God's children who are scattered abroad.) So from 53 that day forth they took counsel to put him to

John ii. 13.

AND the Jews' Passover was nigh; and many 55 went up out of the country to Jerusalem before

death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly 54 among the Jews; but went thence into the country near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and continued there with the disciples.

56 the Passover, to purify themselves. So they sought for Jesus, and spoke among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye?

57 that he will not come to the feast? Now the high priests and the Pharisees had given orders that, if any one knew where he was, he should show it; that they might take him.

Iesus therefore, six days before the Passover, John xi, I. went to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom

2 Iesus had raised from the dead. So they pre-

pared a supper for him there; and Martha served; Luke x. 38. but Lazarus was one of those who reclined at table with him. Therefore Mary took a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the

odour of the ointment.

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But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who 2 Kings v. 20. was about to betray him, said. Why was not this

ointment sold for three hundred shillings, and 6 given to the poor? (This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief.

and had the money-bag and made away with 7 what was put therein.) Therefore Jesus said. Suffer her to keep it (a) for the day of my burial.

8 For the poor ye have always with you; but me Deut. xv. 11.

ve have not always.

The common people (b) of the Jews knew that he was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, Luke xvi. 31. 10 whom he had raised from the dead. But the high priests took counsel to put Lazarus also to 11 death, because by reason of him many of the

Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

THE next day the common people (b) who had come to the feast, when they heard that 13 Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the

branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him: and they shouted, Hosanna! Psa. cxviii. 26. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the 14 LORD, even the king of Israel! But Jesus,

finding a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Zec. ix o.

(a) Or Let her alone, she was to have kept it.
(b) Or a great many; lit. the great crowd.

"Fear not, daughter of Zion: Behold, thy King cometh, Sitting on an ass's colt."

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These things his disciples understood not at 16 first; but when Jesus was glorified, they remembered that these things had been written of him, and that they had done these things to

The multitude therefore who were with him 17 when he called Lazarus out of his tomb, and raised him from the dead, bore witness. this cause the multitude also met him, for they heard that he had wrought this sign. Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Ye

see that ye prevail nothing; behold, the world has gone after him.

Acts xvii. 4.

Luke xviii. 34.

NOW there were certain Greeks among those 20 who went up to worship at the feast; the same, 21 therefore, went to Philip, who was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip went and told Andrew; and 22

Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

John xiii. 32.

John xiv. 15.

And Jesus answered them, The hour has come 23 that the Son of Man should be glorified. Verily, 24 verily, I say to you, unless the grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He who loveth his life loseth it; and he who 25 hateth his life in this world will keep it unto life eternal. If any one serve me, let him follow me: 26 and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any one shall serve me, him will the Father

honour.

Now my soul is troubled: and what shall I 27 say? "Father, save me from this hour." Nay, for this cause I came unto this hour. glorify Thy name. Therefore a voice came from heaven, I both have glorified it, and will

GLORIFY IT AGAIN.

The multitude therefore who stood by, and 29 heard it, said that it thundered; others said, An angel hath spoken to him. Jesus answered and 30 said, This voice hath come not for my sake, but for your sakes. Now is a judgment of this world; 31

John xi. 42.

now the prince of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw

33 all men unto myself. This he said, signifying

34 what death he should die. The crowd therefore answered him, We have heard out of the Law 2 Sam. vii. 13. that the Christ abideth for ever; how then Psa. lxxxix. 30. sayest thou, The Son of Man must be lifted up? Psa. cx. 4. Who is this Son of Man?

So Jesus said to them, Yet a little while the light is among you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness overtake you; and he who walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he

36 goeth. While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become children of light. These things spoke Jesus; and he departed and hid himself from them.

But though he had wrought so many signs in their presence, they believed not on him: that

the word which Isaiah the prophet spoke might Isa. liii. 1. be fulfilled,

"Lord, who believed our report?

And to whom was the arm of the LORD revealed?"

39 Therefore they could not believe, for, as again Isaiah said.

40 "He hath blinded their eyes; and he hardened Isa. vi. 9. their hearts,

That they should not see with their eyes, And perceive with their hearts, and be converted (a):

And I will (b) heal them."

41 These things said Isaiah, because he saw his glory, and spoke of him.

Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees John ix. 22. they did not confess him, lest they should be put

43 out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that is from men rather than the glory that is from God.

44 But Jesus cried out and said, He who believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on Him

45 who sent me. And he who believeth me be-46 lieveth Him who sent me. I have come into the John i. 5.

(a) Or return.(b) Some authorities have "should."

John iii. 17.

world as a light, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in darkness. And if any one hear 47 my words, and keep them not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects me, and receives 48 not my words, hath one who judgeth him; the word which I spoke, the same will judge him in the last day. For I spoke not from myself; but 40 the Father who sent me, He hath given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His com- 50 mandment is life everlasting; therefore, what things I speak, I speak them according as the Father hath told me.

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1 John iii. 23.

Jer. xxxi. 3.

Matt. xxviii. 18.

Matt. iii. 11.

John vi. 64.

NOW it was before the feast of the Passover. Jesus, knowing that his hour had come that he should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, loved them to the uttermost. And while they were at supper, (the devil having now put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,) Jesus—knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come forth from God and was going to God -rose from supper, and laying aside his garments, took a towel and girded himself. he poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

So he came to Simon Peter, who said to him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered . and said to him, What I do, thou knowest not now; but thou wilt know hereafter. Simon Peter said to him, Thou shalt never wash my feet! Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head! Jesus said to him, He who hath bathed needeth not to wash, save his feet, but is altogether clean; and ye are cleanbut not all. (For he knew who was betraying 11 him; therefore he said, Ye are not all clean.)

So after he had washed their feet, and had 12 taken his garments, and had sat down again, he

13 said, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye Matt. xxiii. 8. call me, Master and Lord; and ye say truly; for

14 so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have

washed your feet; ye also ought to wash each 15 other's feet. For I give you an example, that 1 Pet. ii. 21.

16 ye also should do as I have done to you. Verily. verily, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his lord; neither he who is sent greater

17 than he who sent him. If ye know these things,

18 happy are ye if ye do them. I speak not of you all; I know whom I chose; but this is done that Psa. xli. 9. the scripture may be fulfilled,

"He who eateth my bread

Lifted up his heel against me." 10 Henceforth I tell you before it come to pass, that, Matt. x. 40. when it has come to pass, ye may believe that I

20 am. Verily, verily, I say to you, he who receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he who receiveth me receiveth Him who sent me.

When Jesus had thus spoken, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily,

22 I say to you, one of you will betray me. The disciples looked on each other, doubting of whom he spoke.

There was reclining at table, on Jesus' breast, John xx. 2. 23 one of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, and said to him, Tell us (a) who it is of whom he

25 speaketh. That disciple, leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' breast, said to him, Lord, who is

26 it? So Jesus answered, He it is, for whom I shall dip the sop, and give it to him. So when he had dipped the sop, he took it and gave it to

27 Judas the son of Simon Iscariot. And, after the Luke xxii. 3. sop, then Satan entered him. Jesus therefore

28 said to him, What thou doest, do quickly. (Now, no one of those at table knew with what intent

20 he spoke to him. For some thought, because John xii. 6. Judas had the money-bag, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things which we need for the feast"; or, that he should give something to the

30 poor.) He, then, having received the sop went out immediately; and it was night.

(a) Or Ask.

come," so now I say to you.

John xiv. 13.

When, therefore, he had gone out, Jesus said, 31 Now the Son of Man is glorified, and GoD is glorified in him. If GoD is glorified in him, GoD 32 will also glorify him in Himself, and will glorify him straightway. Little children, yet a little 33 while I am with you. Ye will seek me; and as I said to the Jews, "Whither I go ye cannot

1 John ii. 8. John xv. 12. A new commandment I give you that ye may 34 love each other; that as I loved you, ye also may love each other. By this shall all men 35 know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John xxi. 18.

Simon Peter said to him, Lord, whither goest 36 thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow hereafter. Peter said to him, Lord, why cannot 37 I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered, Wilt thou lay down

thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say to thee, the cock will not crow until thou hast disowned me thrice.

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John xiv. 27.

LET not your heart be troubled; believe (a) in God, believe (a) also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. For I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, ye also may be. And whither I go ye know the way.

John vi. 20.

Thomas said to him, Lord, we know not 5 whither thou goest; how know we the way? 6

John i. 17.

Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one cometh to the Father. but by me, If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also; henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. Philip said to him. Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus said to him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Col. i. 15.

me, Philip? he who hath seen me hath seen the Father; how then sayest thou, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the 10

(a) Or Ye believe.

Father, and that the Father is in me? The words which I say to you I speak not from myself; but the Father dwelling in me doeth His 11 works. Believe me, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or else believe for the

12 very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say to you, he who believeth in me, the works which I do, Matt. xxi. 21. he also will do; and greater works than these he 13 will do, because I go to the Father: and whatso I John v. 14.

ever ye shall ask in my name, I will do it, that 14 the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye

shall ask me any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments; John xiv. 21.

16 and I will request the Father, and He will give I John ii. I. you another Advocate (a), that he may be with 17 you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth; whom

the world cannot receive, for it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; ye know him, for he 18 abideth with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you comfortless (b); I am coming to you. John xiv. 28.

19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live, ye also 20 shall live. In that day ye will know that I am

in my Father, and ye are in me, and I am in you. 21 He who hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is who loveth me; and he who loveth me will be loved by my Father, and I will

love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, Lord, and Luke vi. 16. how cometh it that thou wilt manifest thyself to us, and not to the world?

Jesus answered and said to him, If a man love me, he will keep my word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our 24 abode with him. He who loveth me not, keepeth not my words; and the word which ye

hear is not mine, but that of the Father who sent 25 me. These things I have spoken to you, being

26 yet present with you. But the Advocate, the John xvi. 13. Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and will bring to your remembrance all things which I have spoken to you.

(a) Or Comforter, Helper (same word as in 1 John ii. 1). (b) Or orphans.

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Eph. ii. 14.	Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world giveth, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be	27
	afraid. Ye have heard that I said to you, I go away, and am coming to you. If ye loved me,	28
	ye would have rejoiced that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And	20
1 Cor. xv. 28.	now I have told you before it cometh to pass, that when it has come to pass, ye may believe.	,
	No longer will I talk much with you, for the	30
	prince of the world cometh, and he hath nothing in me; but that the world may know that I	2 T
Psa. xl. 8.	love the Father, and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.	J-
	I AM the true vine, and my Father is the	1
Isa. iv. 2.	husbandman. Every branch in me which beareth not fruit, He taketh away; and every	2
	branch which beareth fruit, He cleanseth, that	
	it may bring forth more fruit. Already ye are	3
	clean, because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide, ye in me, and I in you. As the	
	branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, unless ye abide in	4
	me. I am the vine, ye are the branches; he who abideth in me, I also abiding in him, bringeth	5
	forth much fruit; for apart from me ye can do	
Matt. iii. 10.	nothing. If any one abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is dried up; and men	6
John xvi. 32.	gather such and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my	7
Jonn 1818. 32.	words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and	•
	it shall be done for you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and ye will	8
	become my disciples.  As the Father hath loved me, I also have	9
John xiv. 21.	loved you; abide ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye will abide in my love; even	
	as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love. These things I have	11
John wiii	spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be perfected. This is my	
John xiii. 34.	commandment, That ye love each other, as I	
	have loved you. No one hath greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his	13

14 friends. Ye are my friends if ye do that which 15 I command you. No longer do I call you servants (a); for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things which I heard from my Father I

16 made known to you. Ye did not choose me; (Isa. xli. 8. but I chose you, and appointed you that ye ir John iv. 10. should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; so that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you.

These things I command you, that ye may 17 18 love each other. If the world hateth you, ye I John iii, 13.

10 know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own; but, because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world 20 hateth you. Remember the word which I said If they persecuted me, they will persecute you Eze. iii. 7. also; if they kept my sayings, they will keep

to you, The servant is not greater than his lord.

21 yours also. But all these things they will do to you for my name's sake, because they know not

22 Him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they had not had sin; but now John ix. 41.
23 they have no excuse for their sin. He who

24 hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no other did, they had not had sin; but now they have both

25 seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass that the word which is written in their Law may be fulfilled, "They hated me Psa. xxxv. 19. without a cause.

When the Advocate has come, whom I will I John ii. I. 26 send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth who cometh forth from the Father, he will 27 bear witness of me; and ye also will bear witness, Luke xxiv. 48.

because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that ye 2 may not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogues; yea, an hour cometh, when whosoever killeth you will think that he offereth God

3 service. And these things they will do because 1 Cor. ii. 8. they have not known either the Father or me. 4 But these things I have spoken to you, that when

(a) Or bondservants.

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their hour has come ve may remember that I told you of them. And, because I was with you, I said not these things to you from the beginning. But now I go to Him who sent me: and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have spoken these things to you.

sorrow hath filled your hearts.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not 7 away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he has 8 come, he will convict the world in respect of sin. and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness. 10

because I go to the Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this 11 world has been judged.

I have yet many things to say to you, but ye 12 cannot bear them now. But when he, the 13 Spirit of Truth, has come, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak from himself; but whatsoever things he heareth, these he will speak; and he will declare to you the things to come. He will glorify me; for he will take of 14 mine, and will declare it to you. All things 15

soever which the Father hath are mine: therefore I said, that he taketh of mine, and will declare it to you. A little while, and ye see me no more; and 16

again, a little while, and ye will see me.

Therefore some of his disciples said among 17 themselves. What is this that he saith to us, "A little while, and we see me not; and again, a little while, and ye will see me"; and, "because If go to the Father"? They said therefore, 18 What is this which he saith, "A little while"? we know not what he saith.

Jesus perceived that they were desirous to ask 10 him, and he said to them, Are ye inquiring among yourselves of that which I said, "A little while, and ye see me not; and again, a little while, and ye will see me"? Verily, verily, I say to you, 20 ye will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; ye will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman when she is in 21

Luke xxiv. 17.

John ii. 25.

John xvi. 22.

Rom. iii. 20.

Heb. v. 12.

travail, hath sorrow because her hour has come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembereth the anguish, for joy that a man has been born into the world.

22 Therefore ve also now have sorrow; but I will Luke xxiv. 41. see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and

23 your joy no one taketh from you. And in that

day ye shall ask me no question.

Verily, verily, I say to you, if ye shall ask any thing of the Father, He will give it you in my 24 name. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy Matt. vii. 7.

may be fulfilled.

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These things I have spoken to you in simili-25 tudes (a); an hour cometh, when I will no more speak unto you in similitudes (a), but will tell you 26 plainly concerning the Father. In that day

ve shall ask in my name; and I say not to you, John xiv. 21.

27 that I will request the Father for you; for the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came forth 28 from God. I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world; again, I leave the

world, and go to the Father.

His disciples said, Lo, now thou speakest 2Q 30 plainly, and speakest no similitude. Now we know that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any one should question thee; by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

Iesus answered them, Do ye now believe? 32 Behold, an hour cometh, yea, has come, that ye Matt. xxvi. 31. shall be scattered, every one to his home, and

shall leave me alone; and yet I am not alone, 33 for the Father is with me. These things I have Isa. 1, o. spoken to you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ve have tribulations; but be of

good cheer, I have overcome the world.

THESE things Jesus spoke; and he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may John xii. 23.

2 glorify Thee; even as Thou gavest him authority over all flesh, that, all that (b) Thou hast given

(a) Or proverbs; v. 29, proverb. (b) The Greek here is in the singular.

1 John v. 11.

Psa. xxii. 22.

John vi. 68.

John xvi. 15.

him, to them he should give eternal life. And this is eternal life, that they should know Thee the only true God, and him whom Thou didst send, Jesus Christ. I glorified Thee on the earth, by accomplishing the work which Thou hast given me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Thou me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

I manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to me; and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that all things whatsoever Thou hast given me are from

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have kept Thy word. Now they know that all things whatsoever Thou hast given me are from Thee. For I have given them the words which Thou gavest me; and they received them, and knew of a certainty that I came forth from Thee, and they believed that Thou didst send me.

I make request for them; I make it not for the world, but for those whom Thou hast given me; for they are Thine. And all things that ro are mine are Thine, and Thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world; and these are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name which Thou hast given to me, that

they may be one, even as we are.

even as I am not of the world.

Psa xli. 19. } Psa cix. 8. } While I was with them, I kept them in Thy 12 name, which Thou hast given me; yea, I guarded them, and, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, none of them perished, except the son of perdition. But now I am coming to Thee; 13 and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I 14 have given them Thy word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world,

Gal. i. 4.

I request, not that Thou wouldst take them 15 out of the world, but that Thou wouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, 16 even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them 17 in the truth; Thy word is truth. As Thou didst 18 send me into the world, even so I sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, 19 that they also may be sanctified in truth.

1 Cor. i. 2

I make request, not for these only, but for those also who believe on me through their word;

21 that they all may be one; that even as Thou, Rom. xii. 5. Father, art in me, and as I am in Thee, they also may be in us; that the world may believe

22 that Thou didst send me. And the glory which Thou hast given me, I have given to them, that

23 they may be one, even as we are one; I in them and Thou in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that Thou didst send me, and lovedst them, even as Thou

24 lovedst me. Father, that which (a) Thou hast given me, I would that they also may be with me 1 Thess, iv. 17. where I am; that they may behold my glory, which Thou hast given me; for Thou lovedst me before

25 the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world knew Thee not, but I knew Thee, and

26 these knew that Thou didst send me. And I declared to them Thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith Thou lovedst me may be in them, and I in them.

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he 18 went forth with his disciples over the brook Kedron, where there was a garden, which he and

2 his disciples entered. And Judas also, who was 2 Sam. xv. 23. betraying him, knew the place; for Jesus oft-

3 times resorted thither with his disciples. Judas, therefore, having received the band of soldiers, Matt. xxvi. 47. with officers from the high priests and from the Pharisees, went thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Jesus therefore, knowing all the things which were coming upon him, went forth, and said to

5 them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus the Nazarene. He said to them, I am he. John xix. 19. (Now Judas also, who betrayed him, was stand-

6 ing with them.) As soon, then, as Jesus had said to them, "I am he," they drew back, and Psa. xxvii. 2.

7 fell to the ground. Therefore he asked them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus

8 the Nazarene. Jesus answered, I told you that I am he; so if ye seek me, let these go their way.

(a) The Greek here is in the singular.

(That the saying which he had spoken might be fulfilled, "Of those whom Thou hast given me I lost none.")

Matt. xxvi. 51.

Matt. xx. 22.

Thereupon Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the High Priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. (Now the servant's name was Malchus.) Jesus therefore said to Peter, Put 11 up the sword into its sheath; the cup which the Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

So the band and the chief captain and the 12

John xi. 49.

officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound him, and led him first to Annas; for he was father-in- 13 law to Caiaphas, who was High Priest that year. (Now Caiaphas was he who gave counsel to the 14 Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.)

Matt. xxvi. 58.

Now Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. That disciple was known to the High Priest, and went with Jesus into the High Priest's court; but Peter stood outside at 16 the door. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the High Priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door; and he brought in Peter. The damsel therefore who kept the door said to 17 Peter, Art thou also one of this man's disciples? He said, I am not. Now the servants and officers were standing by a charcoal fire which they had made; for it was cold; and they were warm-

Luke iv. 15.

ing his disciples, and concerning his teaching. Jesus answered him, I have spoken openly to the world; I continually taught in synagogue and in the temple, whither all the Jews resort; and nothing did I speak in secret. Why askest thou me? ask those who have heard me, what I spoke to them; lo, they know what I said. Now 22 when Jesus had thus spoken, one of the officers, who was standing near, struck him with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the High Priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have 23 spoken ill, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why smitest thou me? Therefore Annas sent 24

ing themselves; also, Peter was standing with

THE High Priest, then, asked Jesus concern- 10

them, and warming himself.

Isa. liii. 5.

him bound unto Caiaphas the High Priest.

But Simon Peter was standing, warming him-25 They therefore said to him, Art thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said.

26 I am not. One of the servants of the High Priest being a kinsman of him whose ear Peter had cut off, said, Did not I see thee in the garden John xiii. 38.

27 with him? Peter therefore denied it again; and immediately a cock crew.

SO they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the pal- Matt. xxvii. 2. 28 ace; and it was early, and they themselves went not into the palace, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

Pilate therefore went out to them, and said,

What accusation bring ye against this man?

They answered and said to him, If he had not Matt. xx. 19.
been doing evil, we should not have delivered

31 him to thee. Pilate therefore said to them, Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your Law. The Jews said to him, It is not 32 lawful for us to put any one to death. (That

the saying of Jesus, which he spoke signifying Luke xviii. 32. what death he should die, might be fulfilled.)

So Pilate entered the palace again, and called lesus, and said to him. Art thou the king of the 34 Jews? Jesus answered, Sayest thou this thing

from thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thy own nation John xix. 11. and the high priests have delivered thee to me;

what hast thou done?

Iesus answered. My kingdom is not from this world; if my kingdom were from this world, I Tim. vi. 13. then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now my kingdom

37 comes not hence. Pilate therefore said to him, Art thou then a king? Jesus answered, Thou sayest truly that I am a king. To this end I was Isa. Iv. 4. born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth heareth my voice.

38 Pilate said to him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, I find in him no 30 crime. But ye have a custom, that I should

release to you one at the Passover; will ye there-

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Matt. xxvii, 26.

Isa. liii 5.

Lev. xxiv. 16.

John xviii. 3.

Pro. xxix. 25.

fore that I release to you the king of the Jews? Therefore they cried out again, Not this man, 40 but Barabbas. Now, Barabbas was a robber.

PILATE therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; and they went up to him and said, Hail! King of the Jews! And they smote him with their hands. And Pilate went out again, and said to the Jews, Behold, I bring him out to you, that ye may know that I find in him no crime. So Jesus went out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, Behold, the man!

officers saw him, they cried out, Crucify him, crucify him! Pilate said to them, Take him yourselves, and crucify him; for I find in him no crime. The Jews answered him, We have a Law, and by the Law he ought to die, because he called himself Son of God. So when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and he went again into the palace, and said to Jesus.

When therefore the high priests and the

Whence are thou?

But Jesus gave him no answer. Therefore 10 Pilate said to him, Speakest thou not to me? knowest thou not that I have authority to release thee, and authority to crucify thee? Jesus 11 answered, Thou wouldest have no authority at all over me, unless it had been given thee from above; therefore he who delivered me up to thee hath greater sin.

Thenceforth Pilate sought to release him; but 12 the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art no friend to Cæsar; whosoever calls

himself a king speaks against Cæsar.

So when Pilate heard these words, he brought 13 Jesus forth, and sat down on the judgment-seat in a place which is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. (And it was the 14 Paschal Preparation; it was about the sixth hour;) and he said to the Jews, Behold your king! They, therefore, cried out, Away with 15

Matt. xxvii. 62.

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him, away with him, crucify him! Pilate said

priests answered We have no king but Cæsar. Matt. xxvii. 26. 16 So he then delivered him up to them to be

crucified. THEREFORE they took Jesus. And he, bearing the cross for himself, went forth into the 17 place called The place of a Skull, which in He-

18 brew is called, Golgotha; there they crucified him, and two others with him; on each side one,

10 and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was,

## "Resus the Mazarene. The King of the Jews."

Matt. xxvii. 37.

20 This title, then, many of the Jews read; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and the title was written in Hebrew and in

21 Latin and in Greek. Therefore the high priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Write not, "The king of the Jews"; but that he said, "I am king of

22 the Jews." Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

So the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, Ex. xxxix. 22. 23 took his garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part; and also his coat. Now, the coat was without seam, woven from the top through-

24 out; therefore they said among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall (That the scripture might be fulfilled.

"They parted my garments among them, And upon my vesture they cast lots.")

These things therefore the soldiers did.

But there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife 26 of Cleopas, and Mary the Magdalene. Therefore when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by, he said to his

27 mother, Woman, behold, thy son! Then he said John xiii. 23. to the disciple, Behold, thy mother! And from that hour the disciple took her to his home.

AFTER this, knowing that all things were 28 now finished, Jesus, that the scripture might be accomplished, said, I thirst. There was set a

vessel full of vinegar; so, having placed a sponge Psa. lxix. 21. full of the vinegar upon hyssop, they put it to

Psa. xxii. 18.

Heb. ii. 14.

Heb. ix. 22.

Ex. xii. 46.

Zec. xii. 10.

Num. ix. 12.

When therefore Iesus had received 30 the vinegar, he said, It is finished.

And he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

Therefore, because it was the Preparation, 31 the Jews, that the bodies might not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath, (for the day of that Sabbath was a high day,) asked Pilate that the legs might be broken, and that the bodies might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke 32 the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to 33 Iesus, and saw that he was dead already, they

broke not his legs; but one of the soldiers with a 34 spear pierced his side, and forthwith there came

out blood and water.

And he who saw it beareth witness, (and his 35 witness is trustworthy; and he knoweth that what he saith is true.) that we also may believe. For these things came to pass, that the scripture 36 might be fulfilled which saith, "A bone of him shall not be broken." And, further, another 37 scripture saith, "They shall look on him whom

they pierced."

AND after this, Joseph of Arimathæa (being 38 a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Tews) asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took away the body. And 39 Nicodemus (who at the first went to lesus by night) also came, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took therefore the body of Jesus 40 and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the custom of the Jews when burying.

Now in the place where he was crucified there 41 was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb. wherein no one had yet been laid. There they 42 laid Jesus therefore, because of the Jews' Pre-

paration; for the tomb was nigh at hand.

Isa. liii. q.

Matt. xxviii. 1.

2 Chr. xvi. 14.

Acts v. 6.

NOW, on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary the Magdalene went early to the tomb, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and

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came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved; and she said to them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him.

Peter therefore went forth, and the other dis- Luke xxiv. 12.

4 ciple, and they went towards the tomb. So they ran both together; and the other disciple outran

5 Peter, and arrived first at the tomb. And he stooped and looked in, and saw the linen cloths

6 lying; but entered not. Simon Peter, therefore, following him, came and entered the tomb.

7 and saw the linen cloths lying; and the napkin John xi. 44. which had been over his head, not lying with the

8 linen cloths, but folded in a place by itself. So the other disciple, who came first to the tomb,

o also entered; and he saw, and believed; for they knew not yet the scripture that he must rise Psa xvi. 10. 10 from the dead. Therefore the disciples went

back to their own homes.

BUT Mary stood at the tomb, weeping outside; and as she wept, she stooped, and looked

12 into the tomb, and beheld two angels in white garments sitting, the one at the head and the Mark xvi. 5. other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had

13 lain. And they said to her, Woman, why weepest thou? She said to them, They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have

14 laid him. When she had thus said, she turned round, and beheld Jesus standing-and knew

15 not that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom dost thou seek? She, thinking him to be the gardener, said to him. Can. iii. 3. Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

Jesus said to her, Mary! She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabboni; (which is to say,

17 Master). Jesus said to her, Hold me not; for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to Psa. xxii. 22. my brethren and say to them, I ascend unto my Matt. xxviii. 10 Father and your Father, and my God and your

18 Gop. Mary the Magdalene went and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and how he had spoken these things to her.

Mark xvi. 14.

John xiv. 27.

Acts ii. 4.

John xi. 16.

Isa. xxvi. 12. 1 John i. 1.

John v. 23.

Luke i. 4.

Matt. iv. 21.

THEREFORE, on the same day, the first 19 day of the week, when evening had come, the doors, where the disciples were, having been shut for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, Peace be unto you. And when he had thus said, he showed them 20 his hands and also his side. So the disciples were glad, when they saw the Lord. Therefore 21 Jesus said to them again, Peace be unto you; as my Father hath sent me, even so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them 22 and said to them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit; whose-soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven 23 to them; whose-soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Now Thomas, called Didymus, one of the 24 twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, We 25 have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days his disciples again were 26 within, and Thomas was with them; then Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you! Then he 27 said to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side; and become, not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said to him, 28 My Lord, and my Gop! Jesus said to him, 29 Because thou hast seen me, hast thou believed? blessed are those who have not seen, and vet have believed.

So, then, Jesus, in the presence of the disciples, 30 wrought many other signs which are not written in this book; but these are written, that ye may 31 believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of GoD; and that, believing, ye may have life in his name.

AFTER these things Iesus, near the sea of Tiberias, showed himself again to the disciples; and in this manner he showed himself: There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and

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the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his dis-3 ciples. Simon Peter said to them, I go a fishing. They said to him, And we will go with thee. They went forth, and entered the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

But when morning was now coming on, Jesus stood on the shore; but the disciples knew not 5 that it was Jesus. He therefore said to them,

Children, have ye anything to eat? They an- Luke xxiv. 41. 6 swered him, No. And he said to them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and ve will find. So they cast the net; and now they were no longer able to draw it for the number of fishes.

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord! So, when Simon Peter Luke v. 4. heard that it was the Lord, he girt his coat to him, (for he was stripped,) and cast himself into the

8 sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits off), dragging the net with the fishes.

As soon then as they had come to land, they saw a charcoal fire there, and fish laid thereon, 10 and bread. Jesus said to them, Bring of the 11 fishes which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went on board, and drew the net to land, full of large fishes, a hundred and fifty-three; and, though there were so many, yet the net was not 12 broken. Jesus said to the disciples, Come and breakfast. None of them durst ask him, Who

13 art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus went, and took the bread, and gave to them; Acts x. 41. 14 and the fish likewise. This was now the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples, after he had risen from the dead.

So, when they had breakfasted, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, lovest (a) thou

me more than these? He said to him, Yea, Matt. xxvi. 33. 16 Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He said to him, Feed my lambs. He said to him the second time, Simon, son of John, lovest (a) thou

<sup>(</sup>a) The word used here and in v. 16 denotes the purest, highest affection. In Peter's replies and in the repetition of the question in verse 17 the sense of the Greek word used is not quite the same.

Heb. xiii. 30.

me? He said to him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He said to him, Tend my sheep. He said to him the third time, Simon, 17 son of John, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved, because the third time he said to him, Lovest thou me? And he said to him. Lord. thou knowest all things; thou seest that I love

John xvi. 20.

Jesus said to him, Feed my sheep. Verily, 18 verily, I say to thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou wilt stretch forth thy hands, and another will gird thee, and will carry thee whither thou wouldest This he spoke, signifying by what death 10 he would glorify God. And when he had spoken

Acts xii. 3. 2 Pet. i. 14.

this, he said to him, Follow me. Peter, turning 20 about, saw following them the disciple whom Jesus loved; (who also had leaned back on his breast at supper, and had said, Lord, who is he who betrayeth thee?) So Peter seeing him said 21 to Jesus, Lord, and what of this man? Jesus

John xiii. 23.

said to him, If I will that he tarry till I come, 22 what is that to thee? follow thou me. saying therefore went abroad among the brethren, that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus said not to Peter, "He shall not die," but, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to

Matt. xxv. 31.

thee?" This is the disciple who testifieth of these 24 John xix. 35. Heb. xi. 36. things, and who wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is trustworthy. And 25

there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if they should be written one by one, I think that the world itself would not contain

Amos vii. 10.

the books which would be written.

## THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

I THE former account I composed, O Theo- Luke i. 3. philus, of all the things which Jesus began

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2 to do and to teach, until the day on which he was received up, after he through the Holy Spirit had given commandment to the apostles

3 whom he had chosen; to whom also, after his Luke xxiv. 15 suffering, he, by many proofs, presented himself alive, appearing to them forty days, and speaking the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

4 And, while in their company, he charged them Luke xxiv. 49. not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for what was promised by the Father, "Which ye

5 heard from me; for John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Matt. iii. 11. Spirit not many days hence."

THEREFORE when they had assembled, they Matt. xxiv. 3. asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?

He said to them, It is not for you to know the Matt. xxiv. 36. times or the seasons, which the Father put under

8 His own control (a); but ye shall receive power, Matt. xxviii. 19. after the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa and Samaria, and unto the utmost part of the earth.

And having spoken these things, he, while they were looking, was taken up; and a cloud 10 withdrew him from their sight. And while they were looking stedfastly towards the heavens as

he went up, two men in white apparel stood by John xx. 12. 11 them; who said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into the heavens? this same Jesus

who is received up from you into heaven, will come in like manner as ye have seen him go into the heavens.

(a) Or determined by His own power.

Luke vi. 13.

Luke vi. 16. Luke xxiii. 49.

Psa. xli. 9. Matt. xxvi. 47. Matt. xxvii. 5.

Psa. lxix. 25.

Psa. cix. 8.

Acts xv. 22.

Jer. xvii. 10.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the 12 mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem—a Sabbath day's journey. And when they had 13 come in, they went up into the upper room where they had been staying—Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, son of Alphæus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas, son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer, 14 with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

AND in those days Peter stood up in the 15 midst of the brethren, (the number of names together being about a hundred and twenty,) and said, Brethren, the scripture must needs 16 have been fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of David, spoke beforehand concerning Judas, who was guide to those who took Jesus. For he had been numbered among 17 us, and had received his share in this ministry. (Now, with the reward of his iniquity, this man 18 acquired a field; and, falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out;—and it became known to all the dwellers 19 in Jerusalem; so that that field is called in their own tongue, "Aceldama," that is, "The field of blood.") For it is written in the book of Psalms. 20 "Let his habitation be made desolate.

And let no one dwell therein";
And "his office let some other take"

And, "his office let some other take." Wherefore of these men who have been in our 21 company all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and went out among us, beginning with the 22 baptism of John unto the day when Jesus was received up from us, one must become a witness with us of his resurrection.

And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabas, (who was also named Justus,) and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, 24 Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which of these two thou hast chosen, that he 25 may take his place in this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas fell away that he might go to his own place. And they gave lots for 26

them; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

AND when the day of Pentecost had now Lev xxiii, 15. come (a), they were all assembled in one place.

2 And suddenly there came from the heavens a sound as of a rushing mighty wind. And it filled all the house where they were sitting;

3 and there appeared unto them tongues, as it were, of fire, distributing themselves.

And it sat upon each of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to Acts xix. 6. speak in different tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now, there were so journing in Jerusalem, Jews, devout men from every nation under the heavens.

6 And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because each heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed, and marvelled, saying,

Behold, are not all these who are speaking Gali- Acts i. 11.

8 leans? and how hear we each in his own lan-

guage, in which he was born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pon-

to tus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, Jews and their con-

11 verts, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them, 1 Cor. xii. 10. speak, in our tongues, the mighty works of Gop!

And they all were amazed, and were at a loss. saying to each other, What meaneth this? 13 Others mocking said. These men are full of new

wine.

Bur Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said to them, Ye men of Judæa, and all ye sojourners in Jerusalem, be this known

15 to you, and give ear to my words; for these are 1 Thess. v. 17. not drunken, as ye surmise, seeing that it is

16 only the third hour of the day. But this is that Luke xxiv. 45. which was spoken through Joel the prophet:

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, Joel ii. 28. (saith God,)

(a) Or come round; Gr. was being fulfilled. 235

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1 Cor. xii. 10. Acts xix. 6.

I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all flesh; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy;

Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams;

Also upon My servants and upon My hand- 18 maidens,

In those days, I will pour forth of My Spirit, And they shall prophesy;

And I will show wonders in the heavens 19 above.

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And signs on the earth beneath;

Blood and fire, and vapour of smoke; The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the day of the LORD, The great and glorious day;

And it shall be that whosoever shall call
On the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus the 22 Nazarene, a man approved by God among you by miracles and wonders and signs which God wrought through him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves know: him, being given up by the 23 settled counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye, by the hand of lawless men, crucified and slew.

Him God raised, having loosed the bands of 24 death; because it was not possible that he should be held by it. For David saith concern- 25

ing him,
"I saw the LORD continually before my face,
For He is at my right hand,

That I should not be moved; Therefore my heart rejoiced, And my tongue was glad,

Moreover also my flesh will rest in hope; Because Thou wilt not leave my soul in 27

Hades, Neither wilt Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption;

Thou madest known to me the ways of life; 28
Thou wilt make me full of joy with Thy
countenance."

Brethren, I may freely speak to you of the 29 patriarch David, that he is both dead and

2 Pet. iii. 7.

Luke xii. 56.

Mark xiii. 24.

Psa. lxxxvi. 5.

Matt. xi. 21. John v. 20. John vii. 31. John xiv. 10.

Luke xxii. 22.

Rom. vi. 9. } Heb. ii. 14. }

Psa. xvi. 8.

buried, and his tomb is with us unto this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God hath sworn to him with an oath that of the

31 fruit of his loins one should sit on his throne, he, seeing this before, spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he left in Hades, nor Psa. xvi. 10.

2 Sam. vii. 12. Psa. lxxxix. 4. Heb. vi. 17.

32 did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus, God

Luke xxiv. 48. Acts i. 22.

33 raised; and of this we all are witnesses. Therefore having been exalted by (a) the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he poured forth this, which ye both see and hear.

For David ascended not into heaven; but he

himself saith.

"The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou at My right hand,

Psa. cx. 1.

Until I make thy foes thy footstool."

35 Therefore let all the house of Israel know as- John iii. 35. 36 suredly, that God made that same Jesus, whom Phil. ii. 9, 11. ye crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now, when they heard this, they were pricked to the heart; and they said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what must we do? Acts ix. 6. But Peter said to them, Repent, and be bap-

tized each of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye will receive 39 the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall Eph. ii. 13. call.

And with many other words he testified; and he exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this perverse generation.

THEN those who received his word were bap-4 I tized; and that same day there were added 42 about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfast in the apostles' teaching and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

And fear came upon every soul; and Mark xvi. 17.

43 prayers. many wonders and signs were wrought through 44 the apostles. And all who had believed had all

45 things in common together, and sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them among Luke ii. 52.

all, as any one had need. And, continuing daily 46 with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising GoD, and 47 having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to them daily such as were being saved.

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John ix. 8.

NOW, Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man, who from his mother's womb had been lame, was being carried, whom they laid daily at the temple, at the gate called Beautiful, to ask alms of those who entered; and he, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked alms. And Peter, looking stedfastly at him, with John, said, Look on us. he gave heed to them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, Silver and gold I have not: but that which I have I give thee: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, And he took him by the right hand, and raised him; and immediately his feet and his ankle bones received strength.

Isa. xxxv. 6.

Acts iv. 10.

Matt. x. 8.

And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they recognised him as the man who had sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened to him.

Psa. cxviii. 23.

And as he held Peter and John, all the people 11 ran together to them in the cloister which is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

Acts v. 12.

And when Peter saw it, he answered the 12 people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as if by our own

Matt. x. 1.

power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his servant (a) Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had

Matt. xxvii. 17.

(a) Or child.

14 decided to let him go. But ye disowned the Holy and Righteous One, and asked that a mur-

15 derer should be granted to you; and ye killed the Prince of Life; but God raised him from the

16 dead; whereof we are witnesses. And, by faith in his name, his name made strong this man, whom ye see and know; yea, the faith which is through Jesus gave him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

And now, brethren, I know that ye did it in Luke xxiii. 34.

18 ignorance, as did also your rulers. But God thus fulfilled those things which He had declared beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets,

10 that His Anointed (a) should suffer. Repent Acts ii. 38. ye therefore, and turn back, that your sins may Isa. liii. 6. be blotted out, that so times of refreshing may

20 come from the presence of the LORD, and that He may send Christ Jesus, who was fore-ap-

21 pointed for you; whom heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things; Luke i. 70. whereof God spoke through the mouth of His holy

22 prophets since the world began. Now Moses Deut, xviii, 15. said, "The LORD GOD will raise up a prophet to you from your brethren, as He raised up me; him ye shall hear in all things whatsoever he

23 shall say to you; and every soul who will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from

24 among the people." Yea, and all the prophets Deut. xviii. 18. from Samuel and those who follow after, as

25 many as spoke, foretold these days. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in thy seed shall all the kin-

26 dreds of the earth be blessed." To you first, God, having raised up His servant (b), sent him to bless you by turning away each of you from his iniquities.

And as they spoke to the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, Matt. xxii, 23, 2 came upon them, being vexed that they taught

the people and preached through Jesus the 3 resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them and put them into ward until the

next day, for it was then eventide.

(a) Or Christ.

(b) Or child.

Acts xxviii. 24.

Howbeit, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

AND on the morrow there were gathered together in Jerusalem their rulers, and the elders and the scribes, and Annas the High Priest, and

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John xviii. 13. Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the High Priest. And when they had set Peter and John in the midst, they asked, By what power, or in what name,

did ye this?
Acts vii. 55. Then Pete

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders, if we are examined this day concerning a good deed done to an impotent man, by what means he was made whole, be it known to you all and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even in his name doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught by you in

builders, which has become the head of the corner. Nor is there salvation in any other; for 12 there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Now, when they saw the boldness of Peter and 13 John, and perceived that they were unlettered and ordinary men (a) they marvelled; and they recognised them as having been with Jesus.

And beholding the man who had been cured 14 standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

But when they had commanded them to go 15 aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, What can we do to these 16 men? for that indeed a notable sign hath been wrought through them is manifest to all who dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But 17 that it may spread no further among the people, let us threaten them, that henceforth they speak

And they called them, and commanded them 18 not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

(a) i.e. men without any recognised office or qualification.

to no one in this name.

Psa. cxviii. 22. ( Isa. xxviii. 16. )

Matt. xi. 25. John vii. 15.

Acts xix. 36.

Acts v. 40.

19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken

20 to you more than to God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we saw and Acts xxii. 15. heard.

So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no means of punishing them, because of the people; for all men glorified

22 God for that which had been done. For the man on whom this miracle of healing was wrought was more than forty years old.

AND Peter and John being let go, went to their Acts ii. 44. 23 own company, and reported all that the high priests and elders had said to them.

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But those who heard lifted up their voices to GoD with one accord, and said, Lord (a), Thou art He who made the heavens and the earth, and the

25 sea, and all that is in them; who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father thy serv- Psa, ii. I. ant David, said,

> "Why did the heathen (b) rage, and the peoples imagine vain things?

The kings of the earth stood up, And the rulers were gathered together, Against the LORD, and against His Anointed."

For, of a truth, against Thy holy servant Luke xxiii. 8. Jesus whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people

28 of Israel, were gathered together in this city, to do whatsoever Thy hand and counsel had 20 determined before to be done. And now, LORD,

regard their threatenings; and grant to Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Eph. vi. 19.

30 Thy word, while Thou stretchest forth Thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be wrought through the name of Thy holy servant (c) Jesus.

And when they had prayed, the place in which Acts ii. 2. 31 they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke the word of God with boldness.

<sup>(</sup>a) Or Master (as in 2 Peter ii., 1: Jude 4 and Rev. vi. 10). (b) Or Gentiles. (c) Or child.

AND the multitude of those who believed 32 were of one heart and of one soul: and none of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles 33 gave testimony concerning the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all. Nor was there among them any one who was in 34 want; for, as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of what was sold, and laid them down at the 35 apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each person according as he had need. And Joseph, who by the apostles was also 36 called Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, Son of Consolation,) a Levite, and of Cyprus by birth, having land, sold it, and brought the 37 money, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price—the wife also being aware of it; and he brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, how is it that Satan 3 filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why didst thou conceive this thing in thy heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down 5 and expired; and great fear came on all those who heard of it. And the young men arose, 6 wrapped him round, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, 7 when his wife, not knowing what had been done, came in. And Peter said to her, Tell me 8 whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. But Peter said to her, How was it that ye 9 agreed to try the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of those who buried thy husband are at the door, and they will carry thee out. Then she immediately fell down at his feet, and 10

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Acts v. 2.

Acts i. 8.

Acts ii. 45.

Acts iv. 34.

Luke xxii. 3.

Acts v. 10.

John xix. 40.

expired: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and carried her forth, and buried her

11 by her husband. And great fear came upon all Acts ii. 43. the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

And by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were wrought among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's

13 Cloister. But of the rest no one durst join him- John xii. 42. self to them; yet the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord.

15 multitudes of both men and women; insomuch that they brought forth the sick even into the streets, and laid them on couches and beds, that at the least the shadow of Peter as he passed by

16 might fall on some one of them. There came also the multitude from the towns round about Mark xvi. 17. Jerusalem, bringing sick folk, and those who were vexed with unclean spirits; and these were

every one cured.

THEN the High Priest rose up, and all who I 7 were with him, (it was the sect of the Sadducees;) Acts iv. I.

18 and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them into the public ward.

But an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said, Ex. xxiv. 3.

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people 21 all the words of this life. And when they heard. they entered the temple early in the morning. and taught.

Now, the High Priest came, and those who were with him, and called the council together, Acts xii. 5. and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have the apostles brought. 22 But when the officers went, they did not find

them in the prison; and they returned and 23 reported, saying, We found the prison shut with all safety, and the keepers standing at the doors; but when we had opened, we found no one within!

Now, when the captain of the temple and the Acts iv. 1. high priests heard these things, they were greatly perplexed about them, as to what would

come of this. Then one went and told them, 25 Behold, the men whom ye put into prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

Then the captain went with the officers and 26 brought them, without violence, for they feared the people lest they should be stoned. And 27 when they had brought them and set them before the council, the High Priest asked them.

saving, We strictly charged you that ye should 28 not teach in this name; and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Then Peter and the other apostles answered 20 and said, We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom ye 30 hanged on a tree and slew. Him Gop exalted 31 with His right hand to be a prince and a Saviour. to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses of these things; and 32 so is the Holy Spirit, whom Gop hath given to those who obey Him.

When they heard that, they were cut to the 33 heart, and wished to slay them.

Then stood there up one in the council, a 34 Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, held in reputation among all the people; he commanded that the men be put outside a little while: and said to the council, Ye men of Israel, 35 concerning these men, take heed to vourselves what ye intend to do. For, before these days, 36 Theudas rose up, giving himself out to be somebody; and to him a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves; he was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed and brought to naught. After him, Judas of Galilee 37 rose up, in the days of the enrolling, and drew away some of the people after him; he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad. And now I say to you, Re- 38 frain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work is of men, it will come to naught; but if it is of God, ye will not 30 be able to overthrow them; lest haply ve be found even to be fighting against God.

And they agreed with him; and when they 40

Matt. xxi. 26.

Acts iv. 18.

Gal. iii. 13. Phi. ii. o.

Acts vii. 54

Luke xiii. 1.

Pro. xxi. 30.

had called the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the 41 name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer Matt. v. 12. 42 dishonour for the Name. And they ceased not, in the temple and at home, daily to teach and to preach Iesus as the Christ.

AND in those days, when the number of the disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in Acts iv 35. the daily ministration, began to murmur against the Hebrews.

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples to them, and said, It is not fitting that we should leave the word of God, and minister at 3 tables. But, brethren, look ye out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint over this 4 business; but we will continue to give ourselves I Tim. iv. 15.

And the saying pleased the whole company; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and 6 Nicolas of Antioch, a convert of the Jews; and they set them before the apostles, who prayed 1 Tim. iv. 14.

to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

and laid their hands on them. And the word of God spread; and the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem; and a great company of the priests were obedient Psa. cxxxii. 9. to the faith.

AND Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. o Then there arose certain of the synagogue which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and of the Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and of those of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to resist his wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

Then they suborned men, who said, We have I Kings xxi. 10. heard him speak blasphemous words against

Moses and against God. And they stirred up 12 the people, and the elders and scribes, and came upon him and seized him, and brought him to the council; and they set up false 13 witnesses, who said, This man ceaseth not to Acts xxv. 8. utter words against the Holy Place and the Law: for we have heard him say that this Jesus the 14 Dan. ix. 26. Nazarene will destroy this Place, and change the customs which Moses delivered to us. And all those who sat in the council, looking 15 stedfastly on Stephen, saw his face as it were the face of an angel. THEN the High Priest said, Are these things so? And Stephen said. Brethren and fathers. hearken: The God of Glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia. Gen. xii. 1. before he dwelt in Haran, and said to him, Go 3 forth from thy country and thy kindred, and go into the land which I will show thee. he went forth from the land of the Chaldæans, and dwelt in Haran; and thence, when his father was dead, God removed him into this Gen. xiii. 15. land, wherein ye now dwell. And He gave him no inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on; yet He promised that He would give it for a possession to him and to his seed after him, when as vet he had no son. Gen. xv. 13. And God spoke on this wise, His seed shall 6 sojourn in a foreign land; and men shall enslave and oppress them four hundred years. But the 7 nation to whom they shall be in bondage I will judge, said GoD; and afterwards they shall come forth; and they shall serve me in this place. And Gop gave him the covenant of cir-Gen. xvii. 10. cumcision; and so he begat Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs. Gen. xxxvii. 28. And the patriarchs, moved with jealousy, sold Joseph into Egypt; but God was with him Gen. xxxix. 1. and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and 10 gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt, who made him governor over Egypt and all his household. But there came a famine over all Egypt and 11 Gen. xli. 54. Canaan, and great tribulation; and our fathers

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12 found no sustenance. But when Jacob heard Gen. xlii. 1. that there was corn (a) in Egypt, he sent out our

13 fathers the first time. And at the second time Joseph discovered himself to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred were made known to Pharaoh.

14 Then Joseph sent and called for Jacob his father, Gen. xlvi. 27. and all his kindred, three score and fifteen souls.

15 And Jacob went down into Egypt; and he and

16 our fathers died, and were carried over into Shechem, and laid in the sepulchre which Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

But, as the time of the promise which Gop had Ex. i. 7. granted to Abraham drew nigh, the people grew 18 and multiplied in Egypt, till there arose over Egypt another king, who knew not Joseph.

10 The same dealt craftily with our kindred, and illtreated our fathers, to cause their babes to be

20 cast out that they might not live. At this time Ex. ii. 2. Moses was born, and was exceedingly beautiful (b): and he was nourished in his father's house

21 three months: and when he was cast out. Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in his words and

23 deeds. And when he was nearly forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the

24 children of Israel. And seeing one of them Ex. ii. 11. suffer wrong, he defended him who was oppressed, and avenged him, and smote the

25 Egyptian. Now he thought that his brethren understood that by his hand God was delivering

26 them; but they understood not. And the next Ex. ii. 13. day he showed himself to them as they strove, and would have reconciled them, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to the

27 other? But he who was doing his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee 28 a ruler and a judge over us? Wouldst thou kill

me as thou killedst the Egyptian yesterday?

29 And Moses fled at that saying, and became a sojourner in the land of Midian, where he begat two sons.

(a) Or wheat. (b) lit. Divinely fair; Gr. Fair unto God.

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Ex. iii. 2.

Ex. iii. 6.

Ex. iii. 5.

And when forty years had been fulfilled, there appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai an angel in a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight; 31 and as he drew near to observe it, there came an utterance of the Lord, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not look. And the Lord said to him, Loose thy 33 shoes from thy feet; for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I am sending thee into Egypt.

Ex. ii. 14.

This Moses whom they rejected, saying, "Who 35 made thee a ruler and a judge?" God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. He 36 brought them out, after he had wrought wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Deut. xviii. 15.

Ex. xix. 3.

This is the Moses who said to the children of 37 Israel, "God will raise up a prophet to you from your brethren, as He raised up me." This is he 38 who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; who received the living oracles to give to you; whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust aside, in their hearts turning back unto Egypt; saying to Aaron, 40 Make us gods to go before us; for as to this

Ex. xxxii. 1.

Moses, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we know not what has become of him. And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice to the idol, and made merry over the works of their own hands. Then God turned, 42 and gave them up to worship the host of the

Amos v. 25.

heavens:

As it is written in the book of the Prophets:
"House of Israel, was it to Me ye offered
victims and sacrifices

Forty years in the wilderness?

Nay, but ye took up the tabernacle of 43

Moloch,

And the star of the god Rompha (a), The figures which ye made to worship them; And I will carry you away beyond Babylon."

Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testi- Ex. xxv. 40. mony in the wilderness, as He appointed who told Moses to make it according to the figure

45 which he had seen. This also our fathers in- Josh, iii. 14. herited and brought in with Joshua when they entered upon the possession of the Gentiles. whom God drove out before the face of our

46 fathers, until the days of David, who found favour before God, and desired to provide a 47 tabernacle for the race of Jacob. But Solomon 48 built Him a house. Howbeit the HIGHEST

dwelleth not in buildings made by hands; as saith the prophet,

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"Heaven is My throne,

And the earth is My footstool: What manner of house will ve build Me?

saith the LORD:

Or what is the place of My rest? Did not My hand make all these things?"

50 Stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and Ex. xxxii. 9. 5 I

ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit; as 52 your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the pro- 2 Ch. xxxvi. 16. phets did not your fathers persecute? and they slew those who showed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom ye became but now

53 the betrayers and murderers—ye who received the Law by the ministrations of angels, yet kept

WHEN they heard these things, they were cut Acts v. 33. to the heart, and gnashed on him with their

55 teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of Goo, and Jesus standing at the right

56 hand of God; and he said, Behold, I see the Ezek, i. 1. heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.

Then they cried with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one accord,

58 and cast him out of the city, and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their clothes at the

59 feet of a young man called Saul. And they Acts viii. 1.

(a) Some MSS. have "Rephan"; others, "Remphan,"

1 2 Sam. vii. 2. Psa. cxxxii. 5.

Isa, lxvi. 1.

Deut. xxxiii. 2. Gal. iii. 19.

Matt. v. 44.

stoned Stephen, as he called upon the Lord, and said, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

And he knelt down, and cried with a loud 60 voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And I Saul was consenting to his death.

And on that day there arose a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem; and all, except the apostles, were scattered abroad throughout the regions of Iudæa and

Samaria.

And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house; and dragging forth men and women he committed them to prison. Those therefore who were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

Acts vi. 5.

Acts xxvi. 10.

John iv. 41.

Mark xvi. 17.

Acts xiii. 6.

2 Cor. xi. 10.

Gal. iii. r.

Acts viii 37.

THEN Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the multitudes with one accord gave heed to those things which were spoken by Philip, both hearing him and seeing the signs which he wrought. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed by them; and many who were palsied or lame

were cured. And there was great joy in that city.

But a certain man, named Simon, had before-

time in the city used sorcery, and had amazed the Samaritan nation, giving out that he himself was some great one; and to him they all gave 10 heed, from the least to the greatest, saying. This man is that power of God which is called Great. And they paid regard to him, because 11 for a long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. But when they believed Philip, as he 12 preached the glad tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then 13 Simon himself also believed; and having been baptized, he continued with Philip, and was amazed, beholding the signs and mighty works which were being done.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard Luke ix. 54. that the Samaritans had received the word of

15 God, they sent to them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them that they might

16 receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet he had not fallen upon any of them; they had only been Acts ii. 38. bantized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then

17 baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. the apostles laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

And when Simon saw that through the laying Acts vi. 6. on of the apostles' hands the Spirit was given, he

19 offered them money, saying, Give me also this authority, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit.

But Peter said to him, Thy silver perish with 2 Kings v. 16. thee, because thou thoughtest to acquire by

21 money the gift of God. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter; for thy heart is not right
22 in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this Dan. iv. 27.

thy wickedness, and make supplication to the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart may be 23 forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in

the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Then Simon answered and said, Pray ye the Ex. viii. 8. Lord for me, that none of those things which ye have spoken come upon me.

So when they had testified and had spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem; and they preached the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

AND an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Arise, and go towards the south to the Josh. xv. 47. road which goeth down from Jerusalem to Gaza; 27 (this road is through the desert). And he arose

and went. And, behold, a man of Ethiopia, who was a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, and had the charge of all her treasure, had been to Jerusalem to worship, and

28 was returning. And, sitting in his chariot, he Deut. vi. 7. was reading Isaiah the prophet.

Then the Spirit said to Philip, Go near, and Hos. vi. 3. 30 join thyself to this chariot. And Philip running up to the eunuch, and hearing him reading Isaiah

Isa. lxv. 24.

the prophet, said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, unless some 31 one should guide me? And he besought Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The 32 passage of scripture which he was reading was

this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb is dumb before his shearer, So he openeth not his mouth;

In his humiliation his judgment was taken 33 away:

away; Who shall declare his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch answered Philip and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this, of himself or of some other? Then Philip opened his as

self or of some other? Then Philip opened his 35 mouth, and began at the same scripture, and

preached to him Jesus.

came to Cæsarea.

And as they went along the road, they came 36 to a certain water; and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder my being baptized? (a) And he commanded that the 38 chariot should stand still; and they two went down to the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and Philip baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch—for he went on his way rejoicing—saw him no more. But 40 Philip was found at Azotus, and, passing through, he preached the gospel in all the cities, until he

1 Kings xviii. 12.

Luke xxiv. 27.

Isa. liii. 7.

BUT Saul, still breathing out threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the High Priest, and asked of him letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

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Acts v. 39.

Gal. i. 13.

1 Cor. xv. 8.

But, as he journeyed, and was drawing nigh to Damascus, suddenly there shone round about him a light from the heavens; and he fell to the

(a) Only in one Greek MS., and in a few ancient versions, is given verse 37, which reads, "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he answered and said, I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God."

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earth, and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, 5 Saul, why persecutest thou me? He said, Who Matt. xxv. 40.

art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus Acts xxiv. 14. 6 whom thou art persecuting; (a) but arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou

And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but seeing no one.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his Dan. x. 7. eyes were opened he saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and took him into Damascus. o And for three days he was without sight, and

neither ate nor drank.

must do:

Now, there was in Damascus a certain disciple named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a Acts xxii. 12. vision, Ananias! And he said, Behold, I am 11 here. Lord. And the Lord said to him, Arise,

and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one named Saul, 12 of Tarsus; for behold, he prayeth, and hath seen

a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hands on him, that he may receive sight.

Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he did to 1 Cor. i. 2.

14 thy saints in Jerusalem; and here he hath authority from the high priests to bind all who Acts ix. 21. call on thy name. But the Lord said to him, Go thy way: for he 15

is to me a chosen vessel, to hold up my name Acts xvi. 9. before nations and kings and the children of 16 Israel; for I will show him what great things he

) Acts xx. 23. ) 2 Cor. xi. 23.

must suffer for my name's sake.

And Ananias went his way, and entered the 17 house; and putting his hands on him said. Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared to thee in the way by which thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it

<sup>(</sup>a) The following words are inserted here in one or two ancient versions, but are not found here in any Greek MS.—(Verse 5), "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. (6) And he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said to him." (See Acts xxvi. 14.)

were scales; and he received sight, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had taken 19

food, he was strengthened.

Now, he was certain days with the disciples who were in Damascus. And straightway he 20 preached Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all who heard him were 21 amazed, and said. Is not this he who in Jerusalem

destroyed those who called on this name, and who came hither that he might take such persons to the high priests in bonds? But Saul increased 22 the more in strength, and confounded the lews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this is the Christ. And when many days had passed the 23

Jews took counsel to kill Saul; but their plot 24 was made known to him. And they watched the gates both day and night to kill him. his disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

AND when he had come to Jerusalem, he 26 essayed to join himself to the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and 27 brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how on his way he had seen the Lord, and had talked with him; and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

And Saul was with them in Jerusalem, coming 28 in and going out, speaking boldly in the name of And he talked and disputed with 20 the Lord. the Grecian Jews: but they took measures to kill When the brethren knew this, they took 30 him down to Cæsarea, and sent him off to Tarsus.

So the church (a) had peace throughout all 31 Judæa and Galilee and Samaria, being built up; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied (a).

NOW, when Peter was traversing all parts, he 32 went down also to the saints who dwelt in Lvdda. And there he found a certain man named 33 Æneas, who had kept his bed eight years; for

(a) Some authorities have, "churches . . . were multiplied.'

Psa lxxxiv. 7.

Acts xxvi. 20.

2 Cor. xi. 26-33.

Jos. ii. 15.

Gal. i. 17.

Acts iv. 36.

Psa. xciv. 13.

Zech. viii. 20.



34 he was paralysed. And Peter said to him. Æneas, Jesus Christ healeth thee; arise, and Acts iv. 10. make thy own bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all who dwelt in Lydda and the Sharon saw

him, and turned to the Lord.

Now there was in Joppa a certain disciple 36 named Tabitha (which by interpretation is Dorcas (a)); this woman was full of good works 1 Tim. ii. 10.

37 and alms-deeds which she did. And in those days she fell sick, and died; and they washed

38 her and laid her in an upper chamber. And as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, the disciples, when they heard that Peter was there, sent to him two men, beseeching him, Delay not to come to us.

And Peter arose and went with them. 39 when he had come, they brought him into the upper chamber; and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas had made while she was Ecc. ix. 10.

40 with them. But Peter, putting all the company forth, and kneeling down, prayed; and turning to the body he said, Tabitha, arise. And she Mark v. 41. opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she

41 sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised 1 Kings xvii. 23. her; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

And it became known throughout all Joppa; John xii, 11. 43 and many believed on the Lord. And Peter tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon, a

tanner.

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NOW, in Cæsarea a certain man named Cornelius, a centurion of the band named the 2 Italian, a pious man, and one who feared God, Ecc. vii. 18.

with all his house, and gave much alms to the 3 people, and prayed to God continually, saw

clearly in a vision, about the ninth hour of the Acts iii. r. day, an angel of God coming in to him, and

4 saying to him, Cornelius. And Cornelius, looking at him, was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said to him, Thy prayers and Acts x. 2. thine alms have come up as a memorial before

5 God. And now send men to Joppa, and fetch

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Acts ix. 43.

one Simon, who is also called Peter; he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side.

And when the angel who had spoken to him 7 had departed, Cornelius called two of the household servants, with a pious soldier of those who attended upon him; and when he had told them 8

all these things, he sent them to Joppa.

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew near the city, Peter went on to the housetop to pray, at about the sixth hour; and 10

he became hungry, and would have eaten; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance. And he saw the heavens opened, and a certain 11 vessel descending, like a great sheet, let down by

four corners to the earth; and in it were all 12 manner of four-footed creatures, and creeping things of the earth, and birds of the air.

there came a voice to him, Arise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said. Not so. Lord: for I never ate any thing that is common and unclean.

And the voice spoke to him the second time, 15 What Gop cleansed, call not thou common.

This was done thrice; and straightway the 16 vessel was received up into the heavens.

Now, while Peter was perplexed within him- 17 self as to what might be the meaning of the vision which he had seen, lo, the men sent by Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood at the gate; and they called, and 18 began to ask whether Simon, who was also

called Peter, was lodging there. And as Peter was meditating on the vision, 10

the Spirit said, Behold, two men seek thee. But arise, and go down, and depart with them, 20 nothing doubting; for I have sent them.

So Peter went down to the men and said, 21 Behold, I am he whom ye seek; what is the

matter on which ve have come? And they said, Cornelius a centurion, a 22 righteous man, and one who fears God, and is of good report among all the nation of the Iews.

was instructed by a holy angel to send for thee to his house, and to hear words from thee. Then he called the men in and lodged them. 23

Acts xi. 5.

Acts vii. 56.

Lev. xi. 2.

Acts ix. 43.

Acts x. 5.

Acts xxii. 12.

And on the morrow he arose and went away with them; and certain brethren from Joppa accom-24 panied him. And on the next day, he entered Cæsarea. And Cornelius was expecting them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

And as Peter was coming in. Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshipped

But Peter lifted him up, saying, Rise; I Rev. xix. 10. 26

myself also am a man.

me?

And as he talked with them, he went in, and 28 found many who had come together. And he said to them, Ye know that it is an unlawful John iv. o. thing for a man who is a Jew to keep company with, or come nigh to, one of another nation; vet Gop hath showed me that I should not call any 29 man common or unclean. Therefore I came

And Cornelius said, Four days ago, unto this Acts iii. 1. hour. I was in my house, making the prayer of the ninth hour; and, behold, a man in bright 31 apparel stood before me, and said, "Cornelius, Matt. xxviii. 3.

to you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask, then, For what reason did ve send for

thy prayer was heard, and thine alms were re-32 membered in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, who is also called Peter; he lodgeth in the house of one

33 Simon a tanner, by the sea side." Immediately Deut. v. 27. therefore I sent to thee; and thou didst well in coming. Now therefore we are all here present before God, to hear all things which are commanded thee by the Lord.

Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a Deut. x. 17. truth I perceive that God is no respecter of per- Job xxxiv. 19.

35 sons; but in every nation he who feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted by Him. 36 The message which He sent to the children of Israel, preaching good tidings of peace through Luke iv. 18.

37 Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all—even that word, . as ve yourselves know, was published throughout all Judæa, beginning with Galilee—after the baptism which John preached—concerning Jesus 38 of Nazareth: how God anointed him with the

Matt. xii. 15.

Holy Spirit and with power, and how he went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for GoD was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which, both in 39 the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem, he did; whom also they slew, hanging him on a tree.

Matt. xxviii. 6.

Him God raised on the third day; and showed 40 him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us, who ate and drank with him after he had risen from the

Matt. xxviii. 19.

dead. And he commanded us to preach to the 42 people, and to testify that this is he who was appointed by God to be the judge of living and dead. To him all the prophets give witness 43 that, through his name, whosoever believeth on

Luke xxiv. 27.

him shall receive forgiveness of sins.

Acts iv. 31.

While Peter spoke these words, the Holy 44 Spirit fell on all those who heard the word. And 45 they of the Circumcision who believed, as many as came with Peter, were astonished, because on the Gentiles also was poured forth the gift of the Holy Spirit. For they heard them speaking in 46

Acts viii. 12.

tongues, and magnifying God.

Then Peter answered, Can any one forbid the 47 water, that these, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we, should not be baptized?

And he commanded them to be baptized in the 48 name of Jesus Christ. Then they begged him to

tarry there some days.

Gal. ii. 13.

And the apostles and brethren who were in Judæa heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. But when Peter had gone up to Jerusalem, those who were of the Circumcision contended with him, saying, Thou wentest in to uncircumcised men, and didst eat with

Acts x. 9.

be them.

But Peter rehearsed to them the matter in order from the beginning, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending, like a great sheet let down from the heavens by four corners; and it came even to me; and having fastened my eyes upon this and observed, I saw the four-footed creatures of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping things, and the birds

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7 of the air. And I also heard a voice saying to 8 me, Arise, Peter; kill, and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord; for what is common or unclean never o entered my mouth. But the voice answered again from the heavens, What God cleansed, call 10 not thou common. This was done thrice; and 11 all was drawn back into the heavens. behold, there were three men already at the house in which we were, having been sent from 12 Cæsarea to me. And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. And these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's

13 house; and he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, Send to Joppa, 14 and fetch Simon, who is also called Peter; he will

tell thee words whereby thou and all thy house 15 shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Acts ii. 4. Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, John indeed baptized with water, 17 but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. If, then, God gave them, when they believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gift as He did to us, Isa, xliv. 3. who was I that I could withstand Gop?

When they heard these things, they held their peace; and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also God hath granted repentance

unto life.

NOW, those who were scattered abroad Acts viii. 1. through the tribulation which arose about Stephen had travelled as far as Phoenicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to none 20 except the Jews. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke also to the Greeks, preaching the 21 gospel of the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

Then tidings of these things came to the ears Acts ix. 27. of the church which was in Jerusalem; and they 23 sent forth Barnabas as far as to Antioch. When

he had come, and had seen the grace of God, he Acts xiii. 43. was glad, and exhorted them all that with stedfastness of heart they would cleave to the Lord.

For Barnabas was a good man, and was full of 24 the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great

company was added to the Lord.

And Barnabas went forth to Tarsus to seek 25 Saul; and having found him, he brought him to 26 Antioch. And for a whole year, they assembled themselves with the church, and taught a great number. And it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.

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And in these days prophets went from Jeru- 27

salem unto Antioch. And one of them named 28 Agabus stood up, and through the Spirit signified that there would be great dearth throughout all the world; and this came to pass in the days of Claudius. Then the disciples determined to 29 send, each according to his ability, relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judæa; which also they 30 did, sending it to the elders by the hands of

Barnabas and Saul.

NOW, about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to afflict certain of the church. And he killed with the sword James the brother of John. And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when Herod had apprehended him, he put him into prison, and committed the keeping of him to four guards of soldiers, four in each guard; intending to bring him forth to the people after the Passover. Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer to God was made fervently by the church concerning him.

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Now when Herod was about to bring him forth, Peter was sleeping that night between two soldiers, being bound with two chains; and guards before the door were keeping the prison. And, lo, an angel of the Lord stood there, and a light shone in the cell; and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise quickly. And the chains fell from his hands. And the angel said to him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did so. And the angel said to him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And Peter went out and followed;

Acts v. 19.

Acts xiii. 1.

Acts xxi. 10.

Acts xii. 25.

Matt. iv. 21.

Acts xvi. 26.

and knew not that what was being done by means of the angel was a reality, but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came to the iron gate leading into the city, and it opened to them of its own accord; and they went out, and passed on through one street: and forthwith the angel left him.

And when Peter had come to himself, he said, 2 Ch. xvi. o. ΙI Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all that was expected

12 by the people of the Jews. And when he had considered, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark; where Acts xii. 5.

13 many were gathered together praying. And when he knocked at the door of the porch, a

14 damsel named Rhoda went to listen. recognising Peter's voice, she opened not the door for gladness, but ran in and told that Peter

15 was standing before the porch. But they said to her, Thou art mad. But she confidently affirmed that it was even so. Then said they,

16 It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened, they saw him, and

17 were astonished. But he beckoned to them with his hand to keep silence, and declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of prison. And he said, Go tell these things to James, and Acts ix. 27. to the brethren. And he departed and went to

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another place. As soon as it was day, there was no small stir

among the soldiers as to what had become of 19 Peter. And when Herod had sought for him and had found him not, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be put to death.

And Herod went down from Judæa to Cæsarea, 20 and there abode. Now he was highly displeased with the men of Tyre and Sidon; but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, asked for peace; because their country was

21 nourished by the king's country. And on a set day Herod arrayed himself in royal apparel, Eze. xxvii, 19.

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Jude 16.

and sat upon the throne, and began to harangue them. And the populace kept shouting, The 22 voice of a god, and not of a man. And im- 23 mediately, because he gave not God the glory, an angel of the Lord smote him, and he was eaten by worms, and died.

Col. i. 6.

But the word of the Lord spread and abounded. 24 AND Barnabas and Saul returned from Jeru- 25 salem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, who was also called Mark.

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Gal. i. 15.

NOW, there were in the church in Antioch certain prophets and teachers: Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius the Cyrenian, Manaen, foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were ministering to the Lord, and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate unto me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. when they had fasted and prayed, and had laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit,

departed to Seleucia, and sailed thence to Cyprus. And when they were in Salamis, they declared the word of God in the synagogues of the Iews;

and they had also John as their attendant. And when they had gone through the whole island unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bariesus. He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a discerning man, who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of Gop. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking

to turn away the proconsul from the faith.

Then Saul (who is also Paul), filled with the Holy Spirit, looked stedfastly at him, and said, 10 Full of all subtlety and all mischief (a), son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease perverting the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon II thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun

(a) Or villainy.

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for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seek-12 ing some to lead him by the hand. Then the proconsul, when he saw what had come to pass. believed, being astonished at the teaching of the

Lord.

Now Paul and his company sailed from Acts xv. 38. 13 Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but Iohn withdrew from them and returned to Terusalem.

BUT they, passing on from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia, and went into the synagogue

15 on the Sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the Acts xiii. 27. rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

THEN Paul stood up, and beckoning with the hand said, Men of Israel, and ye who fear God, [Isa. i. 2.

17 hearken. The God of this people Israel chose (Ex. xii. 37. our fathers, and exalted the people when they were sojourners in the land of Egypt, and with a

18 high arm He brought them out of it. And for Deut. i. 31. about forty years He bore patiently with them

19 in the wilderness. And when He had overthrown seven nations in the land of Canaan, He divided their land by lot to the people, in about

20 four hundred and fifty years. And afterwards He gave them judges until the time of Samuel

the prophet.

And afterwards they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for the space of forty

22 years. And when he had removed him, He raised up unto them David to be their king; to 1 Sam. xiii. 14. whom also He testified, saying, "I have found Psa. lxxxix. 20. David the son of Jesse, a man according to My own heart, who will do all My will."

Of this man's seed God, according to promise, Psa. exxxii. 11. 24 brought unto Israel a Saviour, even Jesus; John,

before Jesus came, having preached to all the 25 people of Israel a baptism of repentance. And as John was completing his course, he said. What think ye that I am? I am not he; but, behold,

there cometh after me one whose shoes I am not worthy to loose. Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, 26 Matt. x 6. and whoever among you fear Gop, to us is the word of this salvation sent. For, those who 27 dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the words of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, have in condemning him fulfilled those words. And 28 though they found in him no cause for death. yet they asked Pilate that he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all that had been 20 Luke xxiv. 20. written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised 30 him from the dead; and he appeared during 31 many days to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we declare to you, 32 of the promise which was made to the fathers. the glad tidings that God hath completely 33 Psa. ii. 7. fulfilled it to our children, in that He raised Jesus; as also it is written in the second Psalm, "Thou art my Son, this day I have begotten thee." And concerning His raising him from 34 Isa. lv. 3. the dead, no more to return to corruption, God spoke thus, "I will give you the mercies assured to David." Wherefore He said also in another 35 Psa. xvi. 10. psalm, "Thou wilt not suffer Thy Holy One to 1 Kings ii 10. see corruption." For David, after he had served 36 his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, and was gathered to his fathers, and saw corruption; but he whom Gop raised, saw no 37 corruption. Be it known to you therefore, brethren, that 38 through him is proclaimed to you the forgiveness Isa. liii. 11. of sins; and from all things from which, under 30 the law of Moses, ye could not be justified, in him every one who believeth is justified. Beware 40 therefore, lest that come which is spoken in the prophets, "Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish; 41 Hab. i. 5. For I am working a work in your days, A work which ye will in no wise believe, Though a man declare it to you."

these words might be spoken to them on the 43 next Sabbath. But when the congregation broke up, many of the Jews and of their devout Acts xiv. 22. converts followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in

44 the grace of God. And the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of 45 God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and they contradicted the things spoken by Paul, and blas-

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THEN Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, Luke xxiv. 47. and said, It was necessary that the word of God

should first be spoken to you; seeing that ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of the everlasting life, lo, we turn to the

47 Gentiles. For thus hath the Lord commanded Isa xlix 6.

"I have set thee for a light to the Gentiles, Isa. xi. 10. That thou shouldest be for salvation

Unto the end of the earth."

And the Gentiles heard, and were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord; and as many as were appointed unto eternal life believed.

And the word of the Lord was published 50 throughout all the region. But the Jews stirred up the devout women of rank and the chief men of the city, and raised a persecution against Paul 2 Tim. iii. 11. and Barnabas, and expelled them from their

51 borders. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came to Iconium.

And the disciples were filled with joy, and with Matt. v. 12. the Holy Spirit.

AND in Iconium they went together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great number, both of Jews and of Greeks, believed. 2 But the Jews who believed not stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil-disposed

3 against the brethren. Therefore they remained Mark xvi. 20. for some time speaking boldly in the Lord, who gave testimony to the word of His grace by granting that signs and wonders should be done by their hands.

But the multitude of the city was divided; Acts xxviii. 24.

and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles. And when there was an uprising of 5 the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to use them shamefully and to stone them, they having knowledge of it, fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities Matt. x. 23. of Lycaonia, and to the region round about: and they were there preaching the gospel. And in Lystra there was sitting a certain man, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, having never walked; this man heark-ened to the words of Paul, who stedfastly Matt. ix. 28. beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be made whole, said with a loud voice, Stand 10 upright on thy feet. And he leaped and began to walk. And when the multitudes saw what Paul had 11 done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods have come down Acts xxviii. 6. to us in the likeness of men! And they called 12 Barnabas, Jupiter (a); and Paul, Mercury (b), because he was the chief speaker. And the priest of the Jupiter (a) which was 13 before the city brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have held a sacrifice with the multitudes. But when the apostles, Bar- 14 Dan. ii. 46. nabas and Paul, heard of it, they rent their clothes, and ran forth among the crowd, crying out, and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? 15 We also are men of like nature with yourselves, and preach to you that ye may turn from these vanities unto the living God, who made the 1 Sam. xii. 21. heavens and the earth and the sea, and all things which are therein; who, though in times 16 Acts xvii. 30. past He suffered all the nations (b) to walk in their own ways, yet left not Himself without 17 witness, in that He did good, and gave you rains Job v. 10. from the heavens, and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness. And with these sayings they with difficulty 18 restrained the crowds from sacrificing to them. But there came thither certain Jews from 19 Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the multitudes; and, having stoned Paul, dragged 2 Cor. xi. 25

(c) Or the Gentiles.

(b) Gr. Hermes.

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(a) Gr. Zeus.

him out of the city, thinking that he was dead. 20 But, when the disciples came round about him. he arose and went into the city.

And the next day he departed with Barnabas 21 to Derbe. And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to

22 Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith, saying that we must through many tribulations Rom, viii, 17. enter the kingdom of God.

And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they had believed.

And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, 25 they came to Pamphylia. And when they had

spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Acts xiii. 1. 26 Attalia; and thence sailed to Antioch, whence

they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had now completed.

And when they had come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God Acts xv. 4. working with them had done, and how He had

28 opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. And they abode no little time with the disciples

AND certain men who had come down from Judæa were teaching the brethren, Unless ve be Gal. ii. 12. circumcised according to the custom of Moses, 2 ye cannot be saved. But when a dissension had arisen, and Paul and Barnabas had no small disputation with them, they determined that Gal. ii. 1. Paul and Barnabas, and certain others of them. should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and 3 elders, about that question. So, being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Acts xxi. 19. both Phœnicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great

And when Paul and Barnabas had arrived in Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and rehearsed all things which God working with them had

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Acts xv. 1. But certain believers who were of the sect of the Pharisees rose up, saying that it was needful to circumcise the Gentiles, and to command them to keep the Law of Moses. And the Matt. xviii. 20. apostles and elders came together to consider that matter. And when there had been much disputing. Peter stood up and said to them, Brethren, ve know that in early days God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. Acts i. 24. And God, who knoweth the heart, testified on their behalf, giving the Holy Spirit even as to us: and made no difference between us and them. cleansing their hearts by faith. Now, therefore, 10 why prove ye God, by putting upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we could bear? But we believe that we are 11 Rom. iii. 24. to be saved, even as they, through the grace of the Lord Jesus. And all the multitude kept silence, and 12 hearkened to Barnabas and Paul, as they declared what signs and wonders Gop had wrought Acts xiv. 27. by them among the Gentiles. And when they ceased speaking, James 13 answered saying, Brethren, hearken unto me: Symeon (a) hath declared how God first visited 14 Luke ii. 32. the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name. And with this agree the words of 15 the prophets: as it is written. After these things I will return Amos ix. 11. 16 And will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, And the ruins thereof I will build up; And I will set it up, That the residue of men may seek after the 17 Even all the Gentiles upon whom My name hath been called. Num. xxiii. 19. Saith the Lord, making these things known 18 From the beginning of the world." Luke i. 70. Wherefore my judgment is, that we trouble 19 I Thess. i. o.

not those who from among the Gentiles are

(a) Probably Peter's original name. So in 2 Peter i. 1.

20 turning to God; but that we write to them that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from JEx. xx. 4. fornication, and from anything strangled, and

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21 from blood. For Moses from by-gone generations hath in every city those who preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day. 22

Then it seemed good to the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to choose men Acts i. 23. from among themselves and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas called Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among 23 the brethren: and by their hands to write:—

"The apostles and the brethren who are elders send greeting to the brethren in Antioch, and Syria, and Cilicia, who are of

the Gentiles:

Forasmuch as we have heard that certain 24 persons from our company, to whom we gave Gal. v. 12. no command, have troubled you with words,

25 unsettling your minds, it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you, with our beloved Barnabas and Acts xiii 50.

26 Paul, who have hazarded their lives for the name

27 of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we send Judas and Silas, who also will tell you the same 28 things by word of mouth. For it seemed good to

the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no 20 greater burden than these necessary things, that ye abstain from foods offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; if ye keep yourselves from these James i. 27. things, ye will do well. Fare ye well."

So when they were dismissed, they went down to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter,

31 and the multitude, having read it, rejoiced at the 32 consolation. And Judas and Silas, being themselves also prophets, comforted the brethren

33 with many words, and strengthened them. after they had spent some time there, they were dismissed in peace from the brethren unto those Acts xiv. 22.

35 who had sent them (a). But Paul and Barnabas,

<sup>(</sup>a) Ver. 34, "It seemed good, however, to Silas to abide there," is not in the best MSS.

with many others also, continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord.

AND after certain days, Paul said to Barnabas, 36 Let us turn back and visit the brethren in every city in which we declared the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

And Barnabas wished to take with them John, 37 who was called Mark. But Paul thought it not 38 good to take him with them, seeing that he had departed from them from Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. And there 30 arose a sharp contention, so that they parted one from the other, Barnabas taking Mark and sailing

to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas, and departed, being 40 commended by the brethren to the grace of the And he went through Syria and Cilicia, 41

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confirming the churches.

And he went also to Derbe and to Lystra; and a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a believing Jewess, but of a Greek father; and he was well reported of by the brethren in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wished Timothy to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those quarters; for they all knew that his father was a

And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them for their observance the ordinances which had been appointed by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. So the churches were 5 strengthened in the faith, and increased in

number daily.

Now they went throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; and after they had gone in the direction of Mysia, they essayed to go into Bithynia; but the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not. So, passing Mysia,

they went down to Troas.

AND a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and besought

Acts x. 30.

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Acts xiii. 13.

Acts xiv. 6. Acts xix. 22.

1 Cor. ix. 20.

Gal. i. 2.

2 Cor. ii. 12.

him, saving, Come over into Macedonia, and 10 help us. And when he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia. being assured that Gop had called us to preach 11 the gospel to them. And, sailing from Troas, we went with a straight course to Samothrace,

12 and the next day to Neapolis; and thence to Philippi (for this is the first place in the district), Phil. i. 1.

a city of Macedonia, a colony. And we abode in that city some days.

And on the Sabbath day we went beyond the gate, alongside the river, where we understood Acts xxi. s. there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and talked to the women who had met together.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, who worshipped Goo, heard us; and the Lord opened her heart, so that she attended to the things which were 15 spoken by Paul. And when she and her house-

hold had been baptized, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord. come into my house, and abide there. And she Heb. xiii. 2. constrained us.

But as we were going to the place of prayer, there met us a certain damsel who had a spirit of divination and brought her masters much gain 17 by soothsaying. And, following Paul and us, she cried, saying, These men who declare to you

the way of salvation are servants of God Most 18 High. This she did many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I Mark i. 25. command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out the same hour.

And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains had gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the market-place to the 20 rulers. And having brought them to the

magistrates, they said, These men, being Jews, 21 exceedingly trouble our city, and teach customs Acts xvii. 6. which it is not lawful for us, who are Romans, to receive or to observe.

And the multitude also rose with them against the apostles; and the magistrates rent their clothes off them, and gave orders to beat them.

2 Cor. vi. 5.

And when they had laid many stripes upon them 23 they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely; and he, having received 24

such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison,

Psa. xxxiv. 1.

and made their feet fast in the stocks.

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and 25 sang hymns to Gop; and the prisoners were

listening to them. But suddenly there came a 26 great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors flew open, and every one's bands were loosed. And the jailor awaking out of his sleep, 27

and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a 28 loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm; for we

loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm; for we are all here. Then the jailor called for lights, 29 and sprang in, and, trembling for fear, fell down before Paul and Silas; and bringing them out, 30

he said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and 31 thou wilt be saved, with thy household. And 32 they spoke the word of God to him, and to all who were in his house. And he took them the 33 same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and straightway he and all his were baptized. And when he had brought them up into the 34

And when he had brought them up into the 34 house, he set food before them, and rejoiced, believing in GoD with all his household.

And when it was day, the magistrates sent 35 their sergeants, saying, Let those men go. And 36 the jailor reported to Paul these words, The magistrates have sent to let you go; now therefore depart, and go in peace. But Paul said to 37 them, Having beaten us publicly, though uncondemned—us who are Romans—they have cast us into prison; and do they now thrust us out privately? nay, verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out. So the sergeants 38 reported these words to the magistrates. And when they heard that the men were Romans, they were afraid, and went and becought them.

they were afraid, and went and besought them, 39 and took them out, and requested them to depart from the city. And they went out of the 40 prison, and entered the house of Lydia; and

Isa. xlii. 7.

Pro. xxiv. 11.

Acts ii. 37.

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Luke v. 29.

Acts xxii. 25.

Matt. x. 16.

having seen the brethren, they exhorted them, Acts xvi. 14. and departed.

NOW when Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the

2 Iews: and Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and on three Sabbaths reasoned with Acts ix. 20.

3 them from the Scriptures, expounding and showing that the Christ must needs have suffered and have risen from the dead; and that "this Jesus, whom I declare to you, is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded, and consorted Acts xxviii. 24.

with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a

few.

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But the lews, being moved with envy, took unto them certain base fellows of the marketplace, and, gathering a crowd, and setting all the city in an uproar, they assailed the house of Jason, and sought to bring out Paul and Silas 6 to the populace; but finding them not, they dragged Jason and certain brethren to the rulers Luke xxiii. 5. of the city, crying out, These men who have turned the world upside down have come hither 7 also, and Jason hath received them; and all these act contrary to the decrees of Cæsar, say-

ing that there is another king, one Jesus.

when they heard these things, were troubled; o and when they had taken security from Jason,

and from the rest, they let them go.

And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night to Bercea; and when they had arrived, they went into the synagogue of the These were more noble than those in 11 Jews. Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, searching the Scriptures Psa. cxix. 00. 12 daily, whether those things were so. Wherefore many of them believed; also of the Greek women,

who were of rank, and of men, not a few. But when the Jews of Thessalonica knew that the word of Gon had been declared by Paul in Luke xii. 51. Bercea, they went thither also, stirring up and

14 troubling the multitudes. Then the brethren

And the multitude and the rulers of the city, Matt. ii. 3.



Acts xviii. 5.

immediately sent away Paul as far as to the sea; while both Silas and Timothy remained there. And those who conducted Paul brought him as 15 far as Athens: and having received a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.

NOW while Paul waited for them in Athens, 16 his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore he 17 reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with those who chanced to be there.

Col. ii. 8.

But certain of the Epicurean and Stoic 18 philosophers also encountered him. And some said. What would this babbler say? But others. He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods because he preached Jesus and the Resurrection. And they took him, and brought him to the 10 Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine is, whereof thou speakest? For thou 20 bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. (Now all the Athenians and the strangers 21 sojourning there spent their leisure in nothing else, than either telling or hearing the last new

Then Paul stood up in the midst of the 22 Areopagus, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in every respect ye are unusually religious. For, as I passed by, and observed 23 the objects of your worship, I found an altar with this inscription, "To the Unknown God." Therefore, what ye in ignorance worship, I set forth to you. God who made the world and all 24 things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in sanctuaries made by hands; neither is He ministered to by men's 25 hands, as if He needed any thing, seeing that to all He is Himself the giver of life, and breath, and all things. And He made out of one every 26 nation of men to dwell on every face of the earth, and determined the appointed times, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should 27

Jer. 1. 38.

1 Cor. vi. 16. Acts vii. 48.

find Him; though He is not far from each of us. 28 For in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have

20 said, "For we also are His offspring." Where- Acts xiv. 17. fore, being the offspring of God, we ought not to imagine that the Deity is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by man's art and device.

30 The times of this ignorance God therefore over-

looked; but now He declareth to men that they 31 should all everywhere repent; because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He appointed; whereof He gave assurance to all men, by raising him from the dead.

Psa. xcvi. 13. Psa. xviii. 20.

And when they heard of the resurrection of 32 the dead, some mocked; and others said, We

33 will hear thee yet again on this matter. So Acts xxvi. 8. 34 Paul departed from among them. Howbeit there clave to him, and believed, certain men, among whom was Dionysius the Areopagite; also a woman named Damaris—and others with

them.

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AFTER these things Paul departed from 2 Athens, and went to Corinth. And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, of Pontus by race. who had lately come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all Rom. xvi. 3. Iews to depart from Rome. And Paul went to 3 them, and because he was one of the same craft.

abode with them, and they wrought; for by 4 their craft they were tent-makers. And he Acts xx. 34. reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and sought to persuade both Iews and Greeks.

Now when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was being constrained by the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the

And when they set themselves against Neh. v. 13. him, and blasphemed, he shook out his raiment, and said to them. Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clear of it; henceforth I will go to the

7 Gentiles. And he departed thence, and entered the house of a certain man named Titius Justus. one who worshipped Gop; and his house ad-

8 joined the synagogue. And Crispus, the ruler 1 Cor. i. 14.

of the synagogue, with all his household, believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians, as they heard, believed and were baptized.

But the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace; for I am with thee, and no one shall lay 10 hands on thee to hurt thee; for I have a great company in this city. And Paul continued there 11 a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

And when Gallio was the proconsul of Achaia, 12 the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul, and brought him to the judgment-seat, saying, 13 This fellow persuadeth men to worship God

contrary to the Law.

But when Paul was about to open his mouth, 14 Gallio said to the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or a wicked deed, O ye Jews, it would be reasonable that I should bear with you; but if these are questions of words and names, and of your law, look ye to them; I will be no judge of these matters. And he drove them from the 16 judgment-seat. Then they all took Sosthenes, 17 the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment-seat. And Gallio cared for none

of those things.

But Paul abode there yet many days, and then 18 took leave of the brethren, and sailed thence with Priscilla and Aquila to Syria; having shorn his head in Cenchreæ, for he had a vow. So 19 they arrived at Ephesus, and there he left them; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. And though they 20 begged him to tarry longer, he consented not; but bade them farewell, saying, I will return to 21 you, if God will. So he sailed from Ephesus; and, landing at Cæsarea, he went up (a) and 22 saluted the church; and afterwards he went down to Antioch.

NOW, after spending some time there, he 23 departed and went through the country of

Matt. xxviii. 20.

James ii. 6.

Rom. xiii. 3.

1 Cor. i. 1.

Rom. xvi. 1.

1 Cor. iv. 19.

<sup>(</sup>a) i.e. to Jerusalem. In v. 21 a few MSS. add (after "saying"), "I must by all means keep in Jerusalem the feast which is coming, but."

Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all Gal. i. 2. the disciples.

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born in 1 Cor. i. 12. Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the

25 Scriptures, went down to Ephesus. This man had been instructed (a) in the way of the Lord, Luke i. 4. and being fervent in spirit, spoke and taught Rom, xii, 11.

diligently the things concerning Jesus, though 26 he knew only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him to them, and expounded to him the way of Heb. vi. 1.

27 God more precisely. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and, when he had come, he greatly helped those who 1 Cor. iii. 6.

28 through grace had believed; for he vehemently refuted the Jews, and that publicly, proving by the Scriptures that Iesus was the Christ.

John v. 39.

AND while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul, having passed through the inland parts, went to 2 Ephesus and found certain disciples; and he said to them, Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed? But they said to him, We Acts viii. 16. did not so much as hear whether there was a

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ye baptized? And they said, Into John's 4 baptism. Then Paul said, John baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on him who would come John i. 15. 5 after him, that is, on Jesus. When they heard

3 Holy Spirit. And he said, Into what then were

this, they were baptized into the name of the 6 Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on Acts ii. 4.

them, the Holy Spirit came upon them; and 7 they spoke in tongues, and prophesied. And in all, the men were about twelve.

And he went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for the space of three months, reasoning Acts xviii. 19. and persuading concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, and spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the dis-

(a) Or early taught.

ciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued during two years; so that all 10 those who dwelt in Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord. And God wrought 11 special mighty works by the hand of Paul; so 12 that from his body handkerchiefs or aprons were taken to the sick, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out.

Mark ix. 38.

Mark xvi. 20.

But certain of the itinerant Jews, exorcists, 13 took upon themselves to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And one Sceva, a Jew, and a high priest, had 14 seven sons, who did this. But the evil spirit 15 answered and said to them, Jesus I recognise, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the 16 man in whom the evil spirit was, leaped on them, and overcame them both (a) and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Luke viii. 29.

And this became known to all, both Jews and 17 Greeks, who dwelt in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who believed came, 18 openly confessing and declaring their deeds. Many of those also who used magical arts 19 brought their books together, and burnt them before all men; and they reckoned up the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily the word of God spread and 20 prevailed.

Matt. iii. 6.

Acts xii. 24.

AFTER these things were ended, Paul purposed in spirit that, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, he would go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. So he sent into Macedonia Timothy 22 and Erastus, two of those who ministered to him:

Rom. xvi. 23.

but he himself stayed in Asia for a season.

And at that time there arose no small stir 23 about the Way. For a certain man named 24 Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana (b), brought no small business

2 Cor. i. 8.

(a) "Both" is found in all the best MSS.

(b) Gr. Artemis.

25 to the craftsmen; and he called them together. with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that from this business ariseth our Rev. xviii. 11 26 wealth. Moreover ye see and hear, that not only in Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia. this Paul hath persuaded and turned away a great number, saying that those which are 27 made by hands are no gods; so that not only is there danger that this our trade will come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana will be reckoned as nothing; yea, and that she whom all Asia, and, indeed, all the Zeph. ii. 11. world worshippeth, will be deposed from her

magnificence. And when they heard this, they were full of Jer. 1, 38. 28 wrath, and cried out, saying, Great Diana of the 29 Ephesians! And the city was filled with the tumult; and, seizing and carrying with them Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with 30 one accord into the theatre. And when Paul

wished to go in unto the populace, the disciples 31 suffered him not. And certain of the chief officers of Asia (a), who were his friends, sent to Acts xxi. 12. him, entreating him not to adventure himself 32 into the theatre. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another; for the assembly was confused; and the greater part knew not wherefore they had come together.

And some of the crowd instructed Alexander, 1 Tim. i. 20. 3.3 the Jews pushing him forward. And Alexander. beckoning with his hand, would have made his 34 defence before the populace. But when they knew that he was a lew, all for about two hours cried out with one voice, Great Diana of the Ephesians!

35 And when the town clerk had appeared the crowd, he said, Men of Ephesus, what man indeed is ignorant that the city of the Ephesians is Eph. ii. 12. Temple-guardian of the great Diana, and of the 36 image which fell down from heaven (b)? Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash.

(a) Lit. Asiarchs.

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(b) Or from Jupiter.

Acts xxv. 8.

2 Cor. i. 8.

1 Cor. xvi. 5.

Acts xxiii 12.

For ye have brought hither these men, who are 37 neither robbers of temples nor yet blasphemers of our goddess. Wherefore if Demetrius, and 38 the craftsmen who are with him, have a complaint against any one, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls; let them accuse one But if ye inquire any thing further, it 30 shall be determined in the regular assembly. For indeed we are in danger of being called in 40 question for this day's uproar, there being no cause for it; and, with regard to it, we shall not be able to give a reason for this concourse.

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And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed 41 the assembly.

AND after the uproar had ceased. Paul sent for the disciples; and when he had comforted them and had bidden them farewell, he departed to go into Macedonia. And when he had gone through those parts, and had comforted them with much discourse, he went into Greece; and having stayed there three months, he resolved to return through Macedonia, for, when he was about to sail for Syria, the Jews had plotted against him. And there accompanied him, Sopater of Berœa, the son of Pyrrhus; and, of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. And these going before tarried for us in Troas. But we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and in five days came to them at Troas; and there we abode seven days.

Acts xix. 29.

And on the first day of the week, when we came together to break bread, Paul, being ready to depart on the morrow, discoursed with them; and he continued his discourse until midnight. And there were many torches in the upper chamber, where we were gathered together. And there was sitting at the window a certain young man named Eutychus, who was weighed down by deep sleep; and who, as Paul prolonged his discourse, was overcome by his sleep, and falling from the third storey, was taken up dead. But 10 Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing

1 Cor. xvi. 2.

I Kings xvii. 21.

him said. Be ye not troubled; for his life is in And when Paul had come up, and had broken the bread and had eaten, and had talked a long while, even until break of day, he departed. 12 And they brought the lad alive, and were not a

little comforted.

And we went in advance to the ship, and sailed for Assos, intending to take in Paul there; for so he had appointed, intending himself to go on And when he met us at Assos, we took

15 him in, and came to Mitylene. And we sailed thence, and came the following day over against Chios; and the next day we touched at Samos.

16 and a day afterwards we came to Miletus; for Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he hastened, that, if it were possible for him, he might be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. Acts xviii. 21.

AND from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and

18 called together the elders of the church. when they had come to him, he said to them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Acts xix. 10. Asia, in what manner I was with you all the 10 time, serving the Lord with all humility of mind,

and with tears and trials which befell me by the 2 Cor. iv. 8. 20 plottings of the Jews; how I kept back nothing which was profitable, but declared it to you, and

taught you, publicly, and from house to house, 2 Tim. iv. 2. 21 testifying, both to Jews and to Greeks, repentance towards God, and faith towards our Lord

22 Jesus. And now, behold, I go bound in spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things which will

23 befall me there; except that the Holy Spirit testifieth to me in every city, saying that bonds Acts ix. 16.

24 and afflictions await me. But I count not my life as in any measure dear to myself, if only I may finish my course, and the ministry which I 2 Tim. iv. 7. received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I came preaching the kingdom, will see 26 my face no more. Wherefore I take you to Deut. xxx. 19.

record this day, that I am clear from the blood 2 Cor. vii. 2. 27 of all men. For I did not hesitate to declare

28 to you the whole counsel of God. Take heed to

yourselves and to all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit made you overseers, to tend the church of GoD (a), which he purchased with his own blood (b). I know that after my departure grievous 29 wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will 30 arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore watch; 31 and remember that during three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

2 Tim. iv. 5.

John xvii. 17.

the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's 33 silver, or gold, or apparel. Ye yourselves 34 know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. I gave you an example in all things, that by so labouring ye should support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus; for he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

And now I commend you to the Lord, and to 32

Rom. xv. 1.

And when he had thus spoken, he knelt down, 36 and prayed with them all. And they all wept 37 sore, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him tenderly, sorrowing most of all for the words 38 which he had spoken, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to

Acts xx. 25.

the ship.

And after we had parted from them and had set sail, we came with a straight course to Cos, and the day following to Rhodes, and thence to Patara; and finding a ship sailing over to Phonicia, we went aboard, and set sail. And when we had sighted Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unlade her freight. And having found the disciples, we tarried there seven days; and they, through the Spirit, told Paul not to go to Jerusalem.

Acts xxi. 12.

And when we had completed those days, we departed and went our way, all the brethren, with their wives and children, accompanying us,

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<sup>(</sup>a) Or (in some MSS.) the Lord.

<sup>(</sup>b) Or the blood of his own,

till we were out of the city; then we knelt down Acts xx. 36. 6 on the shore and prayed. And when we had

taken our leave of each other, we went on board; 7 and they returned home. And we finished our voyage from Tyre and arrived at Ptolemais (a), and saluted the brethren, and abode with them

one day.

And on the morrow we departed, and came to Cæsarea; and entering the house of Philip Acts viii. 26. the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we o abode with him. And this man had four

daughters, virgins, who prophesied.

And while we tarried there several days, there came down from Judæa a certain prophet, Acts xi. 28.

II named Agabus. And when he came to us, he took Paul's girdle, and binding his own feet and hands, said, Thus saith the Holy Spirit, "So will the Iews in Ierusalem bind the man who owneth this girdle; and they will deliver him into the

12 hands of the Gentiles." And when we heard these things, both we and they of that place

13 besought Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, What mean ye, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not only to 2 Tim. iv. 6. be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem, for the 14 name of the Lord Jesus. And when he would

not be persuaded, we ceased, and said. The will Matt. vi. 10. of the Lord be done.

And after those days we made ready our 16 baggage, and went up to Jerusalem. Certain also of the disciples came with us from Cæsarea, and brought with them one Mnason, of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge.

AND when we had reached Jerusalem, the

18 brethren received us gladly. And the day following, Paul went in with us to James; and Gal. i. 19. 10 all the elders were present. And when he had saluted them, he declared one by one what

things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

And when the brethren heard it, they glorified God; and they said to Paul, Thou seest, brother,

(a) O.T. Accho, i.e. Acre,

Acts xxii. 3.

among the Iews how many thousands there are who believe; and they are all zealous for the Law: and they are informed concerning thee 21 that thou teachest all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they are not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after our customs. What is to be done 22 then? they will certainly hear that thou art come. Therefore do this that we say to thee: 23 We have four men who have a vow on them; take them, and purify thyself with them, and bear their expenses, that they may shave their heads; and so all will know that those things whereof they were informed concerning thee are groundless; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, keeping the Law. But con- 25 cerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written, having decided that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication.

Acts xv. 20.

Then Paul, taking the men the next day, and 26 purifying himself with them, entered the temple, giving notice that the days of their purification would be kept, until the offering should be presented for each of them.

Num. vi. 13.

And when the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, having seen him in the temple, stirred up all the crowd, and laid hands on him, crying out, Men of Israel, help! 28 This is the man, who teacheth all men everywhere against the People, and the Law, and this Place; and further hath brought Greeks also into

Acts vi. 13.

the temple, and hath polluted this holy place. For they had previously seen in the city with 29 him Trophimus the Ephesian, and thought that Paul had brought him into the temple.

Acts xx. 4.

And all the city was excited, and the people 30 ran together; and seizing Paul they dragged him out of the temple; and forthwith the doors were shut. And as they sought to kill him, 31 tidings came up to the chief captain of the band,

2 Cor. xi. 23.

tidings came up to the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. And immediately, taking soldiers and centurions, he ran down to them; and when they saw the chief

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captain and the soldiers, they ceased beating Paul.

Then the chief captain drew near and took 33 him, ordering him to be bound with two chains; Acts xxi. 11. and inquired who he was and what he had done.

34 And some among the multitude cried one thing, some another; and the chief captain, not being able, because of the tumult, to know the certainty, commanded him to be carried into the

35 castle. And when Paul came upon the stairs. he had to be carried by the soldiers on account Acts xxiii. 10.

36 of the violence of the crowd; for the multitude of the people followed, crying, Away with him!

And as Paul was about to be led into the 37 castle, he said to the chief captain, May I say somewhat to thee? And he said, Knowest thou

38 Greek? Art thou not then the Egyptian who before these days stirred up to sedition, and led out into the wilderness, four thousand men who were murderers (a)?

But Paul said, I am a Jew, of Tarsus in Cilicia, Acts ix. 11. a citizen of no mean city; I beseech thee, suffer Acts xxii. 25. me to speak to the people.

And when he had given him leave, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with his hand to the Acts xii. 17. people; and when silence prevailed, he spoke to them in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

Brethren and fathers, hear ye my defence 1 Pet. iii. 15. which I now make to you.

(And when they heard that he was speaking to them in the Hebrew tongue, they the more kept silence; and he said,)

I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, yet Acts xxi. 39. brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strict manner of the Law of our fathers, and zealous towards God, even 4 as ye all are this day. And I persecuted this

Way even unto the death, binding and delivering 5 into prisons both men and women. As also can bear me witness the High Priest and the whole body of the elders, from whom also I received

letters to the brethren; and I went to Damascus, Acts ix. 2. to bring to Jerusalem, to be punished, those who were there in bonds.

(a) Or assassins.

And, as I was on my journey, and had come nigh to Damascus, about noon there shone suddenly from the heavens a great light round me; and I fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom thou art persecuting. And those who were with me saw indeed the light; but they heard not the voice of him who spoke to me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the 10 Lord said to me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there thou shalt be told of all things which are appointed for thee to do. And as, through 11 the glory of the light, I could not see, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and I

Acts ix. 17.

Dan. x. 7.

And one Ananias, a devout man according to 12 the Law, having a good report among all the Jews who dwelt there, came to me, and stood, 13 and said, Brother Saul, receive sight. And the same hour I looked on him. And he said, The 14 GoD of our fathers chose thee, that thou shouldst know His will, and see the Righteous One, and hear an utterance from his mouth. For thou 15

went into Damascus.

Acts iii. 14.

shalt be his witness to all men of the things which thou hast seen and heard. And now 16 why delayest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name.

Rom. x. 13.

And when I had returned to Jerusalem, even 17 while I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance, and beheld him, saying to me, Make 18 haste, and go quickly out of Jerusalem; for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

2 Cor. xii. 2.

And I said, Lord, they know that I was casting 19 into prison and beating in every synagogue those who believe on thee; and when the blood of thy 20 martyr Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by, and consenting, and keeping the

Acts vii. 58.

garments of those who slew him.

And he said to me, Depart; for I will send 21 thee far hence to the Gentiles.

Acts xxv. 24.

AND they gave him audience unto this word; 22 then they lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth; for it is not

23 fitting that he should live. And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust

24 into the air, the chief captain, that he might know for what cause they cried so against Paul, commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging.

25 And as they bound Paul with thongs (a), he said to the centurion who stood by, Is it lawful Acts xvi. 37. for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and

26 uncondemned? When the centurion heard this, he went and told the chief captain, saying, What art thou going to do? for this man is a Roman.

27 Then the chief captain went, and said to him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum I obtained this citizenship. And Paul said,

29 But I was born a citizen. Then straightway they who were to have examined him, departed from him; and the chief captain also was afraid, when he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

On the morrow, desiring to know for a certainty why Paul was accused by the Jews, he loosed him, and commanded the high priests and all the council to meet; and he brought Paul down, and set him before them.

Then Paul, stedfastly beholding the council, said, Brethren, in all good conscience I have Acts xxiv. 16.

ordered my life before God to this day.

2 And the High Priest Ananias commanded those who stood by Paul to smite him on the 3 mouth. Then said Paul to him, God is about to smite thee, thou whited wall; and sittest thou to judge me according to the Law, and commandest Lev. xix. 15.

4 me to be smitten contrary to the Law? And those who stood by said, Revilest thou God's

5 High Priest? Then Paul said, I knew not, brethren, that he was the High Priest; for it is written, "Thou shalt not speak evil of the Ex. xxii. 28. ruler of thy people."

But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he began to

(a) Or for the scourges.

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Phil. iii. 5.

cry out in the council, Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged.

Matt. xxii. 23.

And while he was saying this, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the multitude was divided. (For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there is neither angel nor spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge both.) And there arose a great clamour; and certain of the scribes who were on the Pharisees' side rose up, and strove, saying. We find no evil in this man; but what if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him? And as a great contention was rising, the chief captain, fearing that Paul would be pulled into pieces by them, commanded the troops to go down, and to rescue him from among them by

Acts xviii. o.

Acts v. 30.

force, and to bring him into the castle.

And the night following, the Lord stood by 11 him, and said, Be of good cheer! for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear testimony in Rome also.

Acts xxv. 3.

AND when it was day, the Jews conspired, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And those who made this conspiracy numbered more than forty. And they went to the high priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing till we have killed Paul. Now, therefore, do ye, with the council, signify to the chief captain that he bring him down to you, as if ye would inquire more precisely concerning him; and, before he can come near, we will be ready to kill him.

Psa. xxi. 11.

Hos. iv. o.

And when Paul's sister's son heard of their 16 lying in wait, he went and entered the castle, and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the 17 centurions to him, and said, Take this young man to the chief captain; for he hath a certain matter to tell him. So he took him, and brought 18

2 Sam. xvii. 17. Pro. xxii. 3.

him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me to him, and asked me to bring

to thee this young man, who hath something to say to thee.

Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him. What is it that thou hast to tell me?

And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask Acts xxiii. 12. thee that thou wouldst bring down Paul tomorrow into the council, as if thou wouldest 21 inquire somewhat more about him. But do not thou yield to them; for of them there lie in wait for him more than forty men, who have Ex. xxiii. 2. bound themselves under a curse, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him; and now they are ready, looking for the promise from thee.

So the chief captain let the young man depart. and charged him, See that thou tell no one thou 23 hast showed these things to me. And he sent for two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go as far as Cæsarea, with seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, at 24 the third hour of the night; and let them provide beasts, that they may set Paul thereon and take him safely through to Felix the Governor.

And he wrote a letter, which took this form:— 25 "Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent 26 Governor Felix greeting:

This man was seized by the Jews, and would Acts xxi. 33. 27 have been killed by them; but I went with the troops and rescued him, having learnt that he 28 was a Roman. And wishing to know the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him down

20 into their council; and found him to be accused Acts xviii. 15. about questions of their law, but to have nothing deserving of death or of bonds laid to his charge. 30 And when it was told me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him immediately to

thee, and gave commandment to his accusers Acts xxiv. 8. also to say before thee what they had against him." So the soldiers, as it was commanded them.

took Paul and conducted him by night to Anti-32 patris, and on the morrow, they returned to the castle, leaving the horsemen to go on with him;

33 and these, when they arrived at Cæsarea.

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Acts xxiii. 25.

Acts xxi. 30.

delivered the letter to the Governor, and presented Paul also before him. And the Governor, 34 when he had read the letter, asked from what province Paul was. And when he had learnt that Paul was from Cilicia, he said, I will hear 35 thy case when thine accusers also have come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's palace.

Acts xxiii. 2.

Psa. xii. 2.

Acts vi. 13.

AND after five days Ananias the High Priest went down to Cæsarea, with certain elders and an orator named Tertullus; and they appeared against Paul before the Governor.

And when Paul had been called forth, Tertul-

lus began to accuse him, saving. Seeing that by thee, most noble Felix, we enjoy great quietness, and that reforms are being wrought for this nation through thy foresight, we acknowledge it in all ways, and in all places, with all thankfulness. But, that I be not further tedious to thee. I pray thee of thy clemency that thou wouldest hear us briefly. For we found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of seditions among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes; he also attempted to profane the temple; so we seized him (a). But by examining him thyself, thou mayest obtain certain knowledge of all these

Acts xxiii. 30.

things whereof we accuse him. And the Jews also joined in the charge,

affirming that those things were so.

Then Paul, after the Governor had beckoned 10 to him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been for many years a judge unto this nation, I cheerfully make answer for For thou canst ascertain that it is now II but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship; and that they found me not in the 12 temple disputing with any one, or stirring up the people, nor in the synagogues, nor about

1 Pet. iii. 15.

<sup>(</sup>a) Some MSS. add:—(Verse 6), "And would have judged him according to our Law. (7) But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, (8) commanding his accusers to come to thee."

13 the city; nor yet can they prove to thee the 14 things whereof they now accuse me. But this I acknowledge to thee, that after the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the Law and which are written in the Prophets;

15 and I have a hope towards God, which they Acts xxiii. 6. themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection, both of the righteous and of the

have always a conscience void of offence towards 17 God and towards men. Now, after many years

16 unrighteous; and herein I exercise myself, to 1 Pet. iii. 16.

I came bringing alms and offerings to my nation; Acts xi. 29. 18 and with these they found me, having purified

myself, in the temple, not with any crowd or with 19 tumult. But there were certain Jews from Acts xxv. 16. Asia, who ought to be here before thee and to

accuse me, if they have anything against me. 20 Or else let those who are here say, what crime they found in me when I stood before the council,

21 unless it be as to this one utterance which I made while standing among them, saying, "Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged before you this day."

22 But Felix, having more precise knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying, When Acts xxiv. 7. Lysias the chief captain has come down, I will

23 determine your matters. And he commanded the centurion to have Paul kept safely, but to let him have some indulgence, and to forbid none of his acquaintance to minister to him.

And after certain days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ Iesus.

25 And when Paul discoursed upon righteousness, Pro. xvi. 12. self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was affrighted, and answered, Go thy way for the present; when I have a convenient season, I 26 will call for thee. At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul, where-

fore he sent for him the oftener, and communed

But when two years had passed, Porcius 27 Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, wishing to Mark xv. 15. gain favour with the Jews, left Paul bound.

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with him.

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Acts xxiii. 15.

Acts xxiv. 5.

SO Festus came into the province; and after three days he went up from Cæsarea to Jerusalem. And the chief priests and the leaders among the Iews informed him against Paul, and requested him, asking it as a favour, to have Paul brought to Jerusalem, intending to lie in wait to kill him on the way. But Festus answered, that Paul would be kept at Cæsarea, and that he himself would be setting out shortly. "Therefore," said he, "let those who among you are in authority go down with me, and accuse him, if there is anything amiss in the man."

And when he had tarried among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Cæsarea; and the next day he sat on the judgment-seat, and commanded Paul to be brought. And when he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood round about him. and laid many and grievous charges against him, but could not prove them; while he answered for himself, Not against the Law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor yet against Cæsar,

have I offended in any way.

But Festus, desiring to gain favour with the Jews, answered Paul and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged as to these

things before me?

But Paul said, I stand at Cæsar's judgment- 10 seat, where I ought to be judged; to the Tews I have done no wrong, as thou very well knowest, If then I am an offender, and have committed II any thing deserving of death, I object not to die: but if there is no ground for the charges they bring against me, no one can deliver me up to them. I appeal to Cæsar.

Acts xxvi. 32.

Then Festus, when he had conferred with the 12 council, answered, Thou hast appealed to Cæsar: to Cæsar thou shalt go.

AND after some days king Agrippa and 13 Bernice came to Cæsarea and saluted Festus. And as they tarried there several days, Festus 14 made known Paul's case to the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix: about whom, when I was in Jerusalem, the high 15

Acts xxvi. 2.

priests and the elders of the Jews appeared before me, desiring to have judgment against 16 him. To whom I answered. "It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver up any man, before he who is accused has had his accusers face to face, and has had opportunity to answer Acts xxvi. 6. for himself concerning the charge laid against 17 him." Therefore, when they had come hither,

I lost no time, but, the next day, sat on the judgment-seat and commanded the man to be

18 brought; as to whom the accusers, when they stood up, brought no accusation of such crimes

10 as I had in mind; but had against him certain Acts xviii. 15. questions as to their own superstition, and as to one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul affirmed 20 to be alive. And because I was in doubt how to inquire into such matters. I asked him whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem, and to be 21 judged there of these matters. But Paul having appealed to be reserved for the decision of the Emperor (a), I commanded him to be

kept till I might send him to Cæsar. Then Agrippa said to Festus, I myself also could have wished to hear the man.

To-morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

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AND on the morrow, when Agrippa and Eze. vii. 24. 23 Bernice had come, with great pomp, and had entered the place of hearing, with chief captains and the principal men of the city, at Festus's command Paul was brought in.

And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men 24 who are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have besought me, both in Jerusalem and also here, crying out that he ought not to live any longer. Acts xxii. 22. 25 But I found that he had committed nothing

deserving of death; and as he himself had appealed to the Emperor (a), I decided to send him; 26 though I have nothing definite to write about him to my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and especially before thee, O king Agrippa, that after examination I may 27 have somewhat to write. For it seems to me

(a) Lit. The Augustus (Gr. Sebastos).

Pro. xviii. 12.

Deut. xvii. 18.

Phil. iii. 5.

unreasonable to send a prisoner, without also signifying the charges laid against him.

And Agrippa said to Paul, Thou art permitted

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to speak for thyself.

Then Paul stretched forth his hand, and made his defence:—I think myself happy, king Agrippa, in that I am to defend myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused by the Jews, especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews; wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. My manner of life, then, from my youth, which was at the first in Jerusalem and among my own nation, every Jew knows; for they have had knowledge of me from the beginning, and could testify, if they would, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. And now I stand to be judged as to the hope of the promise which was made by God to our fathers; and which our Twelve Tribes, earnestly serving day and night, hope to attain; on account of this hope, O king, I am accused by the Jews. Why is it deemed incredible among you, that

1 Cor. xv. 12.

1 Tim. i. 13.

within myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus the Nazarene. And thus I also did in Jerusalem; and, having 10 received authority from the high priests, I shut up many of the saints in prisons; and when they were put to death, I gave my vote against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, 11 and would have forced them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I perse-

God should raise the dead? I verily thought

Gal. i. 13.

Acts ix. 3.

cuted them even unto foreign cities. As I journeyed to Damascus on this business, 12

with authority and commission from the high priests, at midday, O king, I saw while on my 13 way a light from the heavens, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and those who journeyed with me. And when we 14 had all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying to me, in the Hebrew tongue, "Saul, Saul, why

persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick

against the pricks."

And I said, Who art thou, Lord? 15

And the Lord said, I am Jesus, whom thou 16 persecutest; but rise, and stand; for I have appeared to thee for this purpose, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of these Eph iii. 7. things in which thou hast seen me, and of those 17 in which I will appear to thee; delivering thee

from the People, and from the Gentiles; unto Rom. xi. 13. 18 whom I send thee, to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the dominion of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

Whereupon, king Agrippa, I showed myself 20 not disobedient to the heavenly vision; but Acts ix. 19. declared first to those in Damascus, and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judæa, and to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works befitting Matt. iii. 8.

21 their repentance. For these reasons some Jews 22 seized me in the temple, and tried to kill me. So having received help from God, I continue until this day, testifying both to small and to great, speaking no other things than those which the Prophets and Moses said would come to pass;

23 that the Christ would suffer, and that he, by his 1 Cor. xv. 23. resurrection from the dead, would be the first to show light both to the People and to the Gentiles.

AND as he thus made his defence, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art mad; thy much learning doth make thee mad.

But Paul said, I am not mad, most noble

2 Kings ix. 11.

Festus; but speak words of truth and soberness. 26 For the king knoweth of these things, and before him I speak freely; for I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him; for this thing

27 hath not been done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou James i. 23. believest.

Then Agrippa said to Paul, With but little 28 persuasion thou wouldst make me a Christian! (a).

(a) Or In a little time thou thinkest to persuade me also to become a Christian.

1 Cor. vii. 7.

And Paul said, I would to God, that, whether 29 with little or with great, not thou only, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except these bonds.

And the king, and the governor, and Bernice, 30 and those who sat with them, rose up; and 31 when they had gone aside, they talked to one another, saying, This man doeth nothing deserving of death or of bonds. And Agrippa 32 said to Festus, This man might have been set at liberty if he had not appealed to Cæsar.

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Acts xxv. 12.

Acts xix. 29.

Acts xxiv. 23.

AND when it had been determined that we should sail for Italy, they committed Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan band. And embarking in a vessel of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the places on the coast of Asia, we put to sea, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us. And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul courteously, and gave him liberty to go to his friends to receive their kindness. And putting to sea thence, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. And when we had sailed across the waters of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we landed at Myra, a city of Lycia. And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy; and he put us on board. And when we had sailed slowly many days, and had come with difficulty off Cnidus, the wind not favouring us, we sailed under the lee of Crete, over against Salmone; and, coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called The Fair Havens; nigh to which was the city of

2 Kings vi. 9.

Now, as much time had been spent, and as sailing had now become dangerous, (because the Fast was then already gone by.) Paul admonished them, saying, Sirs, I perceive that the ro voyage will be with damage and with much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also of our lives. But the centurion gave more heed rr to the master (a) and to the owner of the ship,

(a) Or pilot.

than to those things which were spoken by Paul. Pro. xxvii. 12. 12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, most of them advised that we should put to sea thence, if by any means they might reach Phœnix, which is a haven of Crete, facing towards the north-east and south-east.

And when a south wind blew softly, they, believing that their purpose was served, weighed anchor, and were passing Crete close in shore.

14 But not long afterwards there beat down from Psa. cvii. 25. it a tempestuous wind, called Euraquilo (a).

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not 16 face the wind, we let ourselves be driven. running under the lee of a small island called Clauda (b), we had much ado to get hold of the 17 boat; and when they had hoisted it up, they

used cables, undergirding the ship; and, fearing Acts xxvii. 41.

lest they should be driven upon the Syrtis (c). 18 they lowered the gear, and so were driven. And

as we were grievously storm-tossed, they began Job ii. 4. the next day to throw the freight overboard. 19 And the third day they cast out with their own

20 hands the fittings of the ship. And as for many days neither sun nor stars appeared, and there was no small tempest beating upon us, all hope that we should be saved was now cut off.

Eze. xxxvii. 11.

And when they had been a long time without food, Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said. Sirs, ve should have hearkened to me, and not have set sail from Crete, and brought on 22 yourselves this damage and loss. Yet now I ex- Acts xxii. 20.

hort you to take courage; for there will be among you no loss of life, but only of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the

24 God whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, "Fear not, Paul: thou must stand before Cæsar; and, lo, God hath granted thee all those who sail Gen. xix. 21.

25 with thee." Wherefore, sirs, take courage; for I believe God, that it will be even as it was Luke i. 45. 26 told me. Howbeit we must be cast upon a

certain island. But when the fourteenth night had come, as

> (b) Or Cauda, now Gozzo. (a) Or Euroclydon.

(c) A quicksand on the north coast of Africa.

we were driven up and down in the Adriatic (a), about midnight the sailors deemed that they were drawing near to land; and having sounded, 28 they found twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little further, and had sounded again, they found fifteen fathoms. Then fearing lest we 29 should be cast anywhere against rocky places, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and longed for daybreak.

And as the sailors were seeking to escape from 30 the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under colour as if they would have taken out anchors from the foreship, Paul said to the cen- 31 turion and to the soldiers, Unless these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. Then the 32 soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and

let her fall off.

And while the day was breaking, Paul en- 33 couraged them all to take food, saying, This is the fourteenth day that ye have waited and continued fasting, having taken nothing. Where- 34 fore I entreat you to take some food; as this is for your safety; for there shall not a hair perish from the head of any of you. And when 35 he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all; and when he had broken it, he began to eat. Then 36 they also were all of good cheer, and took food. And we were in all in the ship two hundred and 37 seventy-six souls. And when they had eaten 38 enough, they further lightened the ship by

casting out the wheat into the sea. And when day came on, they could not make 39 out the land; but they perceived a certain creek with a beach, on which they were minded, if it were possible, to run the ship. And cutting 40 away the anchors they left them in the sea; and at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders, and hoisting the foresail to the breeze, they made for the beach. But falling into a 41 place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and re-

Matt. xv. 32.

1 Sam. ix. 13.

<sup>(</sup>a) Or the open sea, the name then including more than the gulf now known as the Adriatic.

mained immovable, but the stern, through the violence of the waves, began to break up.

And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim away and Psa. lxxiv. 20. 43 escape. But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and ordered

that those who could swim should cast them-44 selves overboard and make for the shore, and the rest, some on planks, and some on parts of the ship. So it came to pass that they all got 2 Cor. xi. 25.

safe to land.

AND, when we had escaped, we then found Acts xxvii. 26. 2 that the island was called Malta (a). And the barbarians showed us no ordinary kindness; for they kindled a fire, and sheltered us all, because of the rain that was falling, and because of the cold.

But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and had laid them on the fire, a viper came out by reason of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the beast hanging from his hand, they said among themselves, Surely this man is a murderer, whom, though John vii. 24. he hath escaped the sea, Justice hath not suffered

5 to live. But he shook off the beast into the fire, Mark xvi. 18. 6 and suffered no harm. Howbeit they were expecting to see him swell, or fall down dead suddenly; but waiting a long time, and seeing nothing amiss happen to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

Near the same place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; and he welcomed us, and lodged us

8 courteously three days. And the father of Publius lay suffering from remittent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to him and prayed, James v. 14. and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 But when this was done, the others in the island who had infirmities came, and were healed;

to these also honoured us with many honours; and when we sailed, they put on board such things Matt. vi. 31. as we needed.

(a) Or Melita; a few ancient authorities have Melitene.

AND after three months we set sail in a ship II of Alexandria, called Castor and Pollux (a), which had wintered in the island. And landing 12 at Syracuse, we tarried there three days. And thence we made a circuit, and arrived at 13 Rhegium: and after one day the south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli: where we found brethren, and were 14 entreated to tarry with them seven days; and so we journeyed towards Rome. And thence, 15 the brethren, when they heard of us, came as far as Appii Forum and Tres Tabernæ to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked GoD, and took courage.

Acts xxi. 5.

Josh. i. 6.

AND when we came to Rome, (b) Paul was 16 suffered to dwell by himself with the soldier who had charge of him.

Acts xxiv. 12.

Now after three days Paul called together the 17 chief men of the Jews; and when they had come together, he said to them, Brethren, though I have committed nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet, as a prisoner from Jerusalem, I was delivered into the hands of the Romans. And they, when they had examined 18 me. would have set me at liberty, because there was in me nothing deserving of death. But 19 when the Jews spoke against it, I was constrained to appeal to Cæsar; not that I had aught of which to accuse my nation. For this cause 20 therefore I entreated you to see me, and to speak with me; because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

Acts xxv. 11.

Acts xxvi. 20.

And they said to him. Neither did we receive 21 letters from Judæa concerning thee, nor did any of the brethren come and show or tell any evil concerning thee. But we desire to hear from 22 thee what thou thinkest; for as concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against.

Acts xxiv. 5.

And when they had appointed him a day, 23

<sup>(</sup>a) Gr. Dioscuri, the twins.
(b) A few MSS. add, "The centurion delivered up the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but."

there came many to him to his lodging; and to them, from morning till evening, he expounded the matter, bearing witness to the kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jesus, Acts xvii. 3. both out of the Law of Moses, and out of the Prophets.

And some were persuaded by the things which 25 were spoken, and some believed not. So, as they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after Paul had said one word:—Well Psa. lxxxi. 11 spoke the Holy Spirit to your fathers through Isa vi. o. Isaiah the prophet.

26 "Go to this people, and say, Hearing ve will hear and will not understand:

And seeing ye will see and will not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross. 27 And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they closed; Lest they should see with their eyes. And hear with their ears, And understand with their hearts. And should return.

And I should heal them."

- Be it known then to you, that this salvation of Acts xiii. 46. God is sent to the Gentiles; and they will hear it (a).
- AND Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received all who came in to 31 him, and preached the kingdom of God, teaching Acts iv. 31. with all confidence the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, no one hindering him.
  - (a) A few MSS. add, "And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great disputation among themselves."

### THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE

# **ROMANS**

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Acts xxvii. 23.	PAUL, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of	I
	God, which He promised before through His	2
	prophets in holy scriptures, concerning His Son	3
Psa. lxxxix. 36.	Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed	
	of David according to the flesh; but, according	4
<b>.</b>	to his spirit of holiness, marked out as the Son of	
Acts xiii. 33.	God with power by his resurrection from the	
	dead;—through whom we received grace and	5
	apostleship for obedience to the faith in all the	_
	nations, for his name's sake; among whom ye	6
	also are called ones of Jesus Christ:—to all in	7
	Rome who are beloved by God, called to be	
	saints: grace to you and peace from God our	
<b>.</b>	Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	0
Rom. xvi. 19.	FIRST, I thank my God through Jesus Christ	8
	for you all, that your faith is spoken of in all the	·
	world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit	9
	in the gospel of His Son, is my witness how without ceasing I make mention of you, every	
	time in my prayers making request if by any	
Tamas in as	means now at last I may be prospered by the will	10
James iv. 15.	of God to come to you. For I long to see you,	
	that I may impart to you some spiritual gift,	11
	so that ye may be established; that is, that in	т 2
2 Pet. i. 1.	you I may with you be comforted, through our	12
2 1 00. 1. 1.	mutual faith, both yours and mine.	
	Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren,	т 2
	that oftentimes I purposed to come to you (but	-3
	hitherto have been hindered), that I might have	
	some fruit among you also, even as among the	
	rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to	14
	Greeks and to Barbarians, both to wise and to	
1 Cor. ix. 16.	foolish. So, as much as in me lieth, I am ready	15
. COI. IA. 10.	to preach the gospel to you also who are in	•
	Rome.	

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; for it is 16 the power of Gop unto salvation to every one who believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the 17 Greek. For therein the righteousness of God is revealed, from faith to faith, as it is written,

"The righteous shall live by faith."

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven Eph. v. 6. against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who in unrighteousness hinder the truth; 10 because that which may be known of God is manifest within them: for God manifested it to 20 them. For the invisible things of God, both His

eternal power and divinity, are discerned since the creation of the world, being perceived Psa. xix. 1. through the things which are made; so that

21 they are without excuse, seeing that, though they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their thoughts, and their senseless heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became Jer. x. 14.

23 fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible Gop for an image made like to corruptible man and to birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things!

Wherefore God gave them up, in the lusts of Psa. lxxxi. 12. their hearts, to uncleanness, to dishonour their 25 own bodies one with another; seeing that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the

Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

For this cause God gave them up to vile Eph. v. 12. passions; for even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature; 27 and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one towards another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves the recompense due to their transgression.

28 And even as they refused to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not seemly;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy. murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 slanderers, haters of God, violent, proud,



### THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE

# **ROMANS**

Acts xxvn. 23.	PAUL, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be	I
	an apostle, separated unto the gospel of	_
	God, which He promised before through His	2
D 1	prophets in holy scriptures, concerning His Son	3
Psa. lxxxix. 36.	Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed	
	of David according to the flesh; but, according	4
	to his spirit of holiness, marked out as the Son of	
Acts xiii. 33.	God with power by his resurrection from the	
	dead;—through whom we received grace and	5
	apostleship for obedience to the faith in all the	
	nations, for his name's sake; among whom ye	6
	also are called ones of Jesus Christ:—to all in	7
	Rome who are beloved by God, called to be	
	saints: grace to you and peace from God our	
	Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	
Rom. xvi. 19.	FIRST, I thank my God through Jesus Christ	8
	for you all, that your faith is spoken of in all the	
	world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit	9
	in the gospel of His Son, is my witness how	_
	without ceasing I make mention of you, every	
	time in my prayers making request if by any	10
James iv. 15.	means now at last I may be prospered by the will	
•	of God to come to you. For I long to see you,	11
	that I may impart to you some spiritual gift,	
	so that ye may be established; that is, that in	12
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Jon. iv. 2.

boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant- 31 breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful; who knowing the sentence of God, that those 32 who practise such things are deserving of death. not only do them, but take pleasure in those who practise them.

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Wherefore thou art inexcusable. O man. whosoever thou art who judgest; for, wherein thou judgest thy fellow, thou condemnest thyself; for thou who judgest dost practise the same things. But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practise such things.

Psa. cxxx. 4.

Rom. ix. 23.

Prov. xxiv. 12.

Deut. x. 17. Job xxxiv. 19.

James i. 22.

But thinkest thou this, O man, who judgest 3 those who practise such things, and doest the same, that thou wilt escape the judgment of GoD? Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and long-suffering? not knowing that the goodness of Gop leadeth thee to repentance; but through thine obduracy and 5 impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath in the day of wrath and manifestation of the righteous judgment of GoD; who will render to each according to his works; to those who by perseverance in well-doing seek for glory, honour, and incorruption,—eternal life; but to those who are contentious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness,-indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man who worketh evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honour, and 10 peace, to every one who worketh good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek; for there is no 11 respect of persons with God. For as many as 12 sinned without law will also perish without law; and as many as sinned under law will be judged by law. For it is not the hearers of law who are 13 righteous before God; it is the doers of law who will be justified (a) in the day in which God, according to my gospel, judgeth the secrets of [16] men by Christ Jesus. For when the Gentiles, 14 who have no law, do by nature the things con-(a) i.e. pronounced righteous (and so elsewhere).

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tained in the Law, these, though they have no 15 law, are a law unto themselves, in that they show, written in their hearts, the work of the Law, their conscience also bearing witness, and Luke viii. 17. their thoughts mutually accusing or even excusing them.

But if thou art called a Jew, and reliest on law, Rom. ii. 28. I 7

18 and makest thy boast in God, and knowest His will, and approvest the things which are excel-10 lent, being instructed out of the Law, and art persuaded that thou thyself art a guide to the

20 blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes,

possessing in the Law the form of knowledge and 2 Tim. i. 13. 21 of truth;—thou therefore who teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou who preachest that a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou who sayest that a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou who abhorrest idols, dost thou rob temples?

23 Thou who makest thy boast in the Law, dost thou through transgression of the Law dishonour 24 God? For, because of you, the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles, as it is written.

Isa. lii. 5. Eze. xxxvi. 20.

For circumcision verily profiteth if thou keepest the Law; but if thou art a transgressor of the Law, thy circumcision has become uncir-26 cumcision. Therefore if the uncircumcised keep the ordinances of the Law, shall not his uncir-27 cumcision be reckoned as circumcision? And Matt. xii. 41.

that which is naturally the Uncircumcision, if it fulfil the Law, will judge thee who, possessing the letter and circumcision, art a transgressor of 28 the Law. For he is not a Jew who is one out-

wardly, neither is circumcision that which is 20 outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart, Deut. x. 16. in spirit not in letter; and his praise is not from men, but from Gop.

WHAT advantage then hath the Jew? or what 3 is the profit in circumcision?

2 Much every way; chiefly, because the Jews Deut. iv. 8.

3 were entrusted with the Oracles of God. For, what if some were unfaithful? shall their un-305

	By no means; yea, let God be acknowledged	4
Psa. cxvi. 11. } Psa. li. 4.	true, though every man be proved a liar; as it is written, "That Thou mayest be justified in Thy	•
	words, and prevail when Thou art judged."	
	But if our unrighteousness commendeth the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is	5
	righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who visiteth with wrath? (I	
	speak after the manner of men.)	
Job viii. 3.	Gop forbid! for then how should Gop judge	6
	the world? But if through my lie the truthful-	7
Jer. xvii. 6.	ness of God abounded unto His glory, why am I	•
	still on trial as a sinner? And why should we	8
	not say—as we are slanderously reported, and	
	as some affirm that we say—"Let us do evil,	
	that good may come"? Of such men the con-	
	demnation is just.	
	What then? are we in better case?	9
	In no wise; for we have before charged both	
Psa. xiv. 1.	Jews and Greeks with being all under sin; as it	10
	is written,	
	"There is none righteous,	
	No, not one;	
	There is none who understandeth, There is none who seeketh after God.	11
	There is note who seeketh after Gob.  They have all gone out of the way,	
	They are together become unprofitable;	I 2
	There is none who doeth kindness,	
	No, not one."	
Psa. cxl. 3.	"Their throat is an open sepulchre;	13
zou. can j.	With their tongues they used deceit."	- 3
Psalm ix. 5.	"Poison of asps is under their lips."	
Psa. x. 7.	"Their mouth is full of cursing and bitter-	14
	ness."	
Isa. lix. 7, 8.	"Their feet are swift to shed blood;	15
	Destruction and misery are in their ways;	16
_	And the way of peace they knew not."	17
Psa. xxxvi. 1.	"There is no fear of God before their eyes."	18
	Now we know that the Law, whatsoever it	19
	saith, speaketh to those who are under the Law;	
	that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may stand accountable to Gop. There-	~~
	fore by works of law shall no flesh be justified in	20
Psa. cxliii. 2.	His sight; for through law is the knowledge of sin.	
	But now, apart from law, God's righteousness	2 I
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has been manifested, being attested by the Law 22 and the Prophets; even God's righteousness which is by faith in Jesus Christ unto all those

23 who believe—for there is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God

24 —being justified freely by His grace through the Rom. v. 1. 25 redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God

set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood, to manifest His righteousness, because of the passing over of bygone sins through 26 the forbearance of GoD; to manifest at this

time His righteousness-that He is righteous and declareth righteous him who believeth in lesus.

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay; but by the law of

28 faith. For we reckon that a man is justified by Gal. ii. 16 faith, apart from works of law.

Is God the God of Jews only? is he not the God also of Gentiles? Yea, of Gentiles also, if indeed there is but one GoD who will justify the Circumcision by faith, and the Uncircumcision Gal. iii. 8.

through the same faith.

31 Do we then make void the Law through faith? By no means; nay, we establish the Law.

WHAT then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, hath found?

For if Abraham was justified by works, he 3 hath whereof to glory; but not before God; for, what saith the Scripture? "Abraham believed Gen. xv. 6. God, and it was reckoned to him as righteous-

4 ness." Now, to him who worketh, the reward 5 is reckoned not of grace, but of debt. But to him who worketh not, but believeth on Him who

justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned to 6 him as righteousness. Even as David also saith, of the blessing pronounced upon the man to whom God reckoneth righteousness apart from works.

"Blessed are they whose iniquities are for Psa, xxxii. 1. given.

And whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD will 8 in no wise reckon."

Cometh this blessedness then upon the Circum-

cision, or upon the Uncircumcision also? for we say, Faith was reckoned to Abraham for right-eousness. How then was it reckoned? when he ro was circumcised? or uncircumcised?

Gen. xvii. 10.

Not when he was circumcised, but while uncircumcised. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while yet uncircumcised; that he might be father of all who believe amidst uncircumcision, so that the same righteousness might be reckoned to them; and that he might 12 be father of the Circumcision to those who are not merely circumcised, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while yet uncircumcised.

For the promise to Abraham or to his seed, 13

that he should be the heir of the world, was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if those who are of the Law are 14 heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of no effect; for the Law worketh wrath; 15 het where no low in there is no transporters in

but where no law is, there is no transgression. It was therefore of faith, that it might be according to grace; to the end that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not to those only

who are of the Law, but to those also who are of the faith of Abraham (who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made thee a father of many nations"), in the sight of Him whom he

believed, even GoD; who giveth life to the dead, and calleth the things which exist not as if they did exist; of Abraham, who—against all hope, 18 yet in hope—believed to this end, that he might

become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, "So shall thy seed be"; and being not weak in faith, he considered his own body—to all intents dead, for he was

about a hundred years old—and the deadness of Sarah's womb, yet staggered not at the promise 20 of God through unbelief; but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, and being 21

fully persuaded that, what God had promised,
He was able also to perform. And therefore his 22

faith was reckoned to him for righteousness.

Now, not for his sake only was it written that 23

Gal. iii. 18.

Gen. xvii. 5.

Gen. xv. 5.

Gen. xviii. 14.

24 it was reckoned to him, but for us also, to whom it will be reckoned—for us who believe in Him

25 who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who Isa, liii, 6. was delivered up for the sake of our offences, and raised for the sake of our justification.

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THEREFORE being justified through faith, let Isa. xxxii. 17. us enjoy peace with Gop through our Lord Iesus

2 Christ, through whom also we have obtained, by faith, our introduction into this grace wherein we stand; and let us rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

And not only so, but let us glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh pa-

4 tience, and patience experience, and experience 5 hope; and this hope putteth not to shame, be- Matt. v. 12.

cause Gop's love has been poured forth into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given 6 unto us. For while we were yet without strength,

7 in due season Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will any one diethough haply for the good man some one might

8 even dare to die. But God commendeth His own love towards us, in that while we were yet Isa. liii. 11.

o sinners Christ died for us. Much more then, now that we are justified in his blood, we shall

to be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, being

reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also glory in God through Hab, iii, 18. our Lord Iesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation (a).

Wherefore, as through one man sin entered Gen. iii. 6. the world, and death through sin, even so death

13 passed upon all men, seeing that all sinned. For, prior to the Law, sin was in the world; but sin is

14 not reckoned if there is no law; nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a figure of him who was to come.

But the free gift is not as was the transgression. For if through the transgression of the Heb. ix. 27.

(a) Or atonement.

Rom. vi. 23.

John xii. 32.

John i. 17.

Rom. iii. 8.

Rom. viii. 11.

Col. ii. 11.

one the many died, much more the grace of GoD. and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded to the many. Nor is the gift 16 as through one who sinned; for the judgment sprang from one unto condemnation, but the free gift from many transgressions unto an acquittal. For if by one man's transgression 17 death reigned through the one: much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, even Iesus Christ. Therefore, as the result of one transgression 18 reached unto all men unto condemnation, even so the result of one acquittal reaches unto all men unto a justification giving life. For as 19 through the one man's disobedience the many were adjudged sinners, so through the obedience of the one the many will be adjudged righteous. But the Law came in afterwards, that trans- 20 gression might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; that as sin 21 reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. WHAT shall we say, then? Are we to con-16 tinue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid! for how can we who died to sin, 2 live any longer therein? Or know ye not, that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore, by our baptism into his death we were buried with him; that even as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have 5 been united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not be slaves to sin. For he who has died is acquitted of sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ, be-Rev. i. 18.

ing raised from the dead, dieth no more: death

died, he died unto sin once for all; but in that he 11 liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ve yourselves also to be dead unto sin, but in Christ Jesus to be living unto Gop.

Therefore let not sin reign in your mortal body, Psa. xix. 13. 13 that ye should obey the lusts thereof. Neither yield your members up to sin as weapons of unrighteousness; but yield yourselves up to God, as those who are alive from the dead, and your members unto God as weapons of righteousness.

14 for sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye Micah vii, 19. are not under law, but under grace.

What then? are we to sin because we are not

under law, but under grace?

т6 God forbid! Know ye not, that to whomso- John viii. 34. ever ye yield yourselves servants to obey, servants ve are of him whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteous-17 ness? But God be thanked, that though ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching unto which ye

18 gave yourselves; and being set free from sin, ye John viii, 32. 19 became servants of righteousness; (I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh;) for, as ye yielded your members as servants to uncleanness and to iniquity to commit iniquity; even so now yield your members 20 as servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free as to

21 righteousness. So what fruit did ye then have? Rom. vii. 5. Things whereof ye are now ashamed; for the 22 outcome of these things is death. But now that ye are set free from sin, and have become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness.

23 and the end eternal life. For, the wages of sin Gen. ii. 17. is death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

OR KNOW ye not, brethren, (for I speak to those who know law,) that law hath dominion 2 over a man only as long as he liveth? For the 1 Cor. vii. 39. woman who hath a husband, is bound by law to her husband while he liveth; but if the husband 3 die, she is freed from the law as to husbands. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married

to another man, she will be called an adulteress: but if her husband die, she is free from that law, Gal. v. 18. so as not to be an adulteress, though she be united to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also became dead to the Law through the body of Christ; that ye should be united to another, even to him who was raised from the dead; that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the Rom. vi. 21. flesh, the sinful passions which were called forth through the Law wrought in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are 6 freed from the Law, having died to that wherein we were held, that we may serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? Ex. xx. 17. God forbid! Nay, I should not have learnt Deut. v. 21. what sin is except through the Law; for indeed I should not have known covetousness had not the Law said. "Thou shalt not covet." But 8 sin, taking occasion through the commandment, wrought in me all manner of evil desire. Eze. xx. 11. apart from the Law, sin is dead. Now I myself was living apart from the Law once: but when the commandment came, sin sprang into life, and I died. And the commandment which was to give life, I found to bring death. For sin, ΤT taking occasion through the commandment, deceived me, and through it slew me. Wherefore 12 the Law is holy, and the commandment holy Psa. xix. 7. and righteous and good. Did, then, that which is good become death to 12 me? God forbid! But sin became so, that it might appear as sin, working death in me through that which is good; so that sin (through the commandment) might become exceedingly sinful. For we know that the Law is spiritual; but I 2 Kings xvii. 17. myself am of flesh, sold under sin. For, that which I carry out I understand not; for the thing which I would I practise not; but that which I hate, even that I do. But if I do that 16 which I would not, I assent unto the Law as

it out, but sin which dwelleth in me.

Gen. vi. 5.

being good. So now it is no more I who carry 17

know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me, 10 but to carry out that which is good is not. For the good which I would, I do not; but the evil

20 which I would not, that I practise. Now if I do that which I myself would not, it is no longer I Rom, vii. 16. who carry it out, but sin which dwelleth in me.

I find then this law, that, when I would do 22 good, evil is present with me. For according to the inward man I delight in the Law of Gop:

23 but I see a different law in my members, warring Rom. vi. 13. against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members.

Wretched man that I am! who shall deliver

25 me from this body of death? Thanks be to God, 1 Cor. xv. 57. through Iesus Christ our Lord.

Thus, I myself with my mind serve the law of

God; but with my flesh the law of sin.

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THERE is therefore now no condemnation to John iii. 18. 2 those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of

the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus set thee free 3 from the law of sin and of death. For, that

which the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, when, sending His Gal. iii. 13. own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for

4 sin, He condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh 1 Cor. ii. 14. mind the things of the flesh; but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

6 For, to be carnally minded is death, but to be 7 spiritually minded is life and peace; because the carnal mind is enmity against Gop, seeing that it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed

But those who are in the flesh cannot 8 can be. please God.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, 10 if indeed the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. But 1 Cor. vi. 19. if any one hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. But if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because

of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who II raised Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also, through (a) His Spirit which dwelleth in you, bring to life your mortal bodies.

Psa. cxvi. 16.

Gal. v. 18.

Therefore, we are debtors, brethren, not to the 12 flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if ye 13 live according to the flesh, ye will surely die; but if ye through the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body, ye will live. For, as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are sons of God. For 15 ye did not receive a spirit of bondage to return to fear; but received a spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit 16 Himself beareth testimony with our spirit, that we are children of God; and if children, then 17 heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together.

2 Tim. ii. 11.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present 18 time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed to us. For the 19 eager longing of creation is waiting for the revelation of the sons of God. For the creation was 20 subjected to vanity (not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it), in hope; for creation 21 itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into that glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole 22 creation groaneth and travaileth in pain to-gether until now. And not only so, but our- 23 selves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, the redemption of our body. For by 24 this hope we are saved; but hope which is seen is not hope; for why doth any one hope for that 25 which he seeth? But if we hope for that which we see not, then we with patience wait for it.

2 Pet. iii. 13.

In like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity; for we know not how we should pray as we ought; but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession in groanings which cannot be uttered. But He who searcheth the hearts knoweth what 27

Zec. xii. 10. Jer. xvii. 10.

(a) Some MSS. read "on account of."

is the mind of the Spirit, that He maketh intercession for the saints according unto God.

And we know that all things work together for Psa, xlvi. I. good to those who love God, to those who are Heb. xii. 6. 29 called according to His purpose; for, whom He foreknew. He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the 30 firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified. Heb. ix. 15. What shall we then say to these things? If

32 God is for us, who can be against us? He who spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not also with him freely

33 give us all things? Who will lay any thing to Isa. 1. 9. the charge of God's elect? It is God who 34 justifieth (a). Who is he who will condemn?

It is Christ Jesus who died; yea rather who rose, who is at God's right hand, who also intercedes for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or Psa xliv. 22. 36 famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it

is written,

our Lord.

"For thy sake we are killed all the day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than con-38 querors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded, that not death, nor life, nor angels, John x. 28. nor principalities, nor things present, nor things 30 to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus

9 I SPEAK the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing testimony to me in the 2 Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and con-3 tinual grief in my heart; for I could have wished myself accursed from Christ for the sake of my Ex. xxxii. 32. brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh;

(a) Or Will God who justifieth? and (in next line) Will Christ, &c.

seeing that they are Israelites; to whom belong the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the Law, and the divine service, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and from whom, as regards the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed for ever (a).

But it is not as if the word of God hath taken no effect. For not all they who descend from Israel are Israelites; neither, because they are

the seed of Abraham, are they all children; but, "In Isaac shall a seed be counted to thee." That is, not those who are the children of the flesh are the children of GoD; but the children of the promise are reckoned as the seed. For this is

promise are reckoned as the seed. For this is 9 the word of promise, "At this time I will come, and Sarah shall have a son." And not only so; 10 but also when Rebecca had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; for—when the children were not yet born, and had done nothing good or evil; that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him

who calleth—it was said to her, "The elder shall 12 serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob 13 I loved, but Esau I hated."

What shall we say then? Is there injustice 14 with Gop?

By no means. For He saith to Moses, "I will 15 have mercy on whomsoever I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomsoever I have compassion." So then it is not of him who will-

eth, nor of him who runneth, but of God who showeth mercy. For the Scripture saith to 17 Pharaoh, "Even for this purpose I raised thee up, that in thee I might show My power, and that My name might be declared throughout all the earth." So then He hath mercy on whom 18 He will, and whom He will He hardeneth.

Thou wilt say then to me, Why doth He still 19 find fault? For who hath resisted His purpose?

Nay but, O man, who art thou, that thou dis- 20

Isa. xlv. 9.

Ex. ix. 16.

Gen. xxi. 12.

Gen. xviii. 10.

Gen. xxv. 23.

Ex. xxxiii. 10.

Mal. i. 2.

(a) Some insert "He" before "who," a comma after "Gop," and "be" before "blessed." The difference, in the Greek, is one of punctuation.

putest with Gop? Shall the thing formed say to him who formed it. Why didst thou make me 21 thus? Or hath not the potter a right over the Jer. xviii. 6. clay, to make of the same lump one vessel to 22 honour, and another to dishonour? What if God, though wishing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much long-suffering vessels of wrath fitted for de-23 struction; and this, that He might make known Eph. i. 18. the riches of His grace on the vessels of mercy 24 which He before prepared for glory, even us whom He called, not from the Jews only, but also from the Gentiles? As he saith also in Hosea. 25 Hos. ii. 23. "I will call them My people, who were not My people: And her beloved, who was not beloved. And, in the place where it was said to them Hos. i. 10. 26 Ye are not My people, There they shall be called children of the living God." 27 Isaiah also crieth concerning Israel, "Though the number of the children of Israel Be as the sand of the sea. The remnant will be saved: For a sentence. 28 Accomplishing and shortening it, The LORD will execute upon the earth." And as Isaiah said before, Isa. i. o. 2Q "Unless the Lord God of Hosts had left us a seed. We had been as Sodom, and had been made · like Gomorrah." What shall we say then? That Gentiles who did not follow righteousness, attained to righteousness-but the righteousness which is from 31 faith. But Israel, who followed a law of right-32 eousness, attained not to such a law. Wherefore? Because they followed it not by faith 33 but as it were by works. They stumbled at the stumbling-stone; even as it is written, Isa. viii. 14. "Behold, I lay in Sion a stone of stumbling Isa. xxviii. 16 And a rock of offence:

And he who believeth on him Shall not be put to shame."

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Acts xxi. 20.

BRETHREN, my heart's goodwill and my prayer to God for them is, that they may be For I bear them record that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of GOD.

Lev. xviii. 5. ! Eze. xx. 11.

Deut. xxx. 12.

Deut xxx. 14.

Isa. xxviii. 16.

Joel ii. 32.

Isa. lii. 7. Neh. viii. 15.

Isa. liii. 1.

Psa. xix. 4.

For Christ is the end of law for righteousness to every one who believeth. For Moses writeth. "The man who doeth the righteousness which is from the Law, shall therein have life," But the righteousness which is from faith speaketh on this wise, "Say not in thy heart, Who shall ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down from above;) or, "Who shall descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.) But what saith it? "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart' (that is, the word of faith, which we preach); that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (a), and shalt believe in thy heart that Gop raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth 10 unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Script- 11 ure saith. "Whosoever believeth in him shall not be put to shame"; there being no distinc- 12 tion between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, being rich unto all who call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name 13 of the LORD will be saved. How then are they to call on him on whom 14

they have not believed? and how are they to believe on him of whom they have not heard? and how are they to hear without a preacher? and how are any to preach unless they be sent? 15 As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they did not all obey the gospel. For 16 Isaiah saith, "LORD, who believed our report?" So then belief cometh from hearing, and the 17

hearing through the word of Christ. But I say, Did they not hear? Yea, verily,

(a) Or lesus as Lord.

Isa. lxv. 1.

Psa. xciv. 14.

"Their sound went forth into all the earth, And their words unto the ends of the world."

19 But I say, Did not Israel know? Moses first, Deut. xxxii. 21. saith.

"İ will move you to jealousy

By those who are no people, And by a foolish nation I will provoke you."

But Isaiah is very bold, and saith,

"I was found by those who sought me not;
I was made manifest unto those who asked
not after me."

But concerning Israel he saith,

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"All the day long I stretched forth my hands To a disobedient and gainsaying people."

I SAY then, Did God cast off His people?
God forbid! For I also am an Israelite, of the
seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God did not cast off His people whom He foreknew.
Or know ye not what the Scripture saith of Elijah? How he pleadeth with God against Israel.

"LORD, they have killed Thy prophets; I Kings xix. 14.
They have thrown down Thine altars;

And I only am left, And they seek my life."

But what saith the answer of God to him? I Kings xix. 18.
"I have reserved to Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to

Baal."

Even so then at this present time also there has come to be a remnant according to the election of grace. And if it is by grace, then it is no longer from works; otherwise grace becometh no longer grace.

What then? Israel obtained not that for which he sought; but the Election obtained it, and the rest were hardened. According as it is

8 written, "God gave them the spirit of drowsiness, eyes that they should not see, and ears that Isa. vi. 9.

they should not hear," until this very day.

And David saith,

"Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, Psa. lxix. 23.

And a stumbling-block, and a requital unto them;

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Let their eyes be darkened, that they may 10 not see.

And ever bow Thou down their back."

I say then, Did they falter that they might II fall?

Gop forbid! But through their fall salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke Israel to emulation. Now if their fall is the enriching of 12 the world, and their loss the enriching of the Gentiles: how much more their fulness! But I 13 speak to you Gentiles. Yea, so far as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my office; if 14 by any means I may provoke to emulation those who are my flesh, and may save some of them. For if the casting away of them is the reconciling 15 of the world, what shall be the receiving of them. but life from the dead! Now, if the first hand- 16 ful is hallowed, so is the whole lump; and if the root is hallowed, so are the branches. And if 17 some of the branches were broken off, and thou, who wast a wild olive tree, wast grafted in among them, and wast made with them a partaker of the root of the fatness of the olive tree: boast

Thou wilt say then, "Branches were broken 19

thou not over the branches. But though thou 18 shouldest boast it is not thou who bearest the

off that I might be grafted in."

root, but the root that beareth thee.

True; they were broken off by unbelief, and 20 thou standest by faith. Be not haughty, but fear; for if God spared not the natural branches, 21

neither will He spare thee.

Behold therefore the goodness and the severity 22

of God; on those who fell, severity; but towards thee, God's goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou also wilt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not in unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to engraft them back. For if thou wast cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wast grafted, contrary to nature, into a good olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

For, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, I would not, brethren, have you ignorant

Acts ix. 15.

Num. xv. 19, 20.

Jer. xi. 16.

Eph. ii. 13.

Phil. ii. 12.

2 Cor. iii. 16.

of this mystery, that a partial hardening hath befallen Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles

26 shall have come in. And so all Israel will be Isa, lix, 20. saved: as it is written.

> "There will come out of Sion the Deliverer, He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

And this is My covenant with them,' . . . Jer. xxx . 33. 27 "When I shall take away their sins."

As concerning the gospel, they are aliens (a)

for your sakes; but as touching the Election, Col. i. 21. 20 they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the Deut. x. 15.

30 gifts and calling of God He never regrets. For Heb. vii. 21. as ye in time past disobeyed God, yet have now

31 obtained mercy through their disobedience; even so now, they also have been disobedient, that by the mercy shown to you they also may now

32 obtain mercy. For God shut up all men under Gal. iii. 22. disobedience, that He might have mercy upon a11.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His Isa. xl. 13. judgments, and His ways past finding out! for Job xli. 11. 34 who knew the mind of the LORD? or who became

35 His counsellor? or who first gave to Him, that 36 recompense should be made to Himself? For

from Him and through Him and to Him are all things; to Him be glory for ever. Amen. I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the tender mercies of God, that ye present your 1 Cor. vi. 15.

bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, 2 which is your reasonable service. And be not fashioned according to this age; but be ye trans- 1 John ii. 15. formed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may by experience know what is the will of God, even what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For, through the grace given unto me, I tell every one among you, not to think prouder Rom. xi. 20. thoughts than he ought to think; but to give his mind to sober thoughts, according as GoD dealt 4 to each a measure of faith. For as we have

many members in one body, and all members 5 have not the same office; so we, who are many,

(a) Or enemies.

are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another.

1 Pet. iv. 10.

But, having gifts differing according to the grace given to us; whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith; or service, let us give ourselves to serving; or he who teacheth, let him give himself to teaching; or he who exhorteth, to exhortation; he who giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he who ruleth, with diligence; he who showeth

Amos v. 15.

mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly disposed one 10 towards another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; 11 fervent in spirit; serving the LORD; rejoicing in 12 hope; patient in tribulation; persevering in prayer; distributing to the necessities of the 13 Bless those who persecute; bless, and curse 14

Heb. xiii. 2.

saints; given to hospitality.

Isa. v. 21. Prov. iii. 7.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep 15 with those who weep. Be of the same mind one 16 with another. Be not haughty, but condescend to men of low estate. Become not wise in your own conceits. Render to no one evil for evil. 17 Study to act honourably in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live 18

Deut. xxxii. 35.

peaceably with all men. Avenge not yourselves, 10 beloved, but rather make way for Goo's wrath, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will re-

Prov. xxv. 21.

pay," saith the LORD. But if thine enemy hun- 20 ger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou wilt heap coals of fire on his Be not thou overcome by evil, but in thy 21

Prov. xvi. 32.

goodness overcome his evil.

Dan. ii. 21. 1 Pet. ii. 13.

LET every soul be in subjection to the authorities set over us. For there is no authority except from GoD; and those which exist have been appointed by God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the authority, resisteth the appointment of God; and those who resist will receive to themselves a judgment. For rulers are a terror, not to the good work, but to the evil. Wouldst thou then have no fear of the author-

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ity? do that which is good, and thou wilt have a praise therefrom; for it is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for it beareth not the sword in vain; for it is a minister of God, an avenger unto wrath upon him who practiseth evil. 5 Wherefore, ye must needs be subject, not only Ecc. viii. 2. 6 for wrath's, but also for conscience' sake. For this cause also ye pay tribute; for they are God's ministers, attending continually to this very thing. Render to all their dues; tribute Matt. xxii. 21. to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom: reverence to whom reverence: honour to Owe no one anything, except to love one another: for he who loveth his fellow hath fulfilled o law. For, "Thou shalt not commit adultery, [Ex. xx. 13. Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou Deut. v. 19. shalt not covet," and whatsoever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this 10 saying, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy-self." Love worketh no ill to its neighbour; Lev. xix. 18. therefore love is the fulfilling of law. And this, knowing the season, that now it is I Thess. v. 5. high time for you to awake out of sleep; for our salvation is nearer than when first we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness; and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk be- Phil, iv. 8. 13 comingly, as in the day; not in revellings and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness.

Gal. v. 16.

14 I NOW him who is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations (a).

the flesh, for its lusts.

14 not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for

One believeth that he may eat all things, another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him who eateth set at naught him who eateth not; and let not him who eateth not, judge him who

4 eateth; for God hath received him. Who art James iv. 12.

<sup>(</sup>a) Or not to the deciding of (or passing judgment on) doubts; Or matters of opinion, lil. thoughts.

thou that thou judgest the servant of another? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea. he shall be held up; for the Lord is able to make him stand.

For one esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike. Let each be fully assured in his own mind. He who regardeth the day, regardeth it to the Lord. he who eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he who eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to him-For whether we live, we live to the Lord; and whether we die, we die to the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For to this end Christ died and lived. that he might exercise lordship over both the dead and the living.

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why 10 dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall all stand at the judgment-seat of God. For, II

it is written.

"As I live, saith the LORD,

Every knee shall bow to Me. And every tongue shall give praise to God."

So, then, each of us will give account of him- 12 self to God. Therefore let us not judge each 13 other any more; but resolve this rather, that no one put in a brother's way a stumbling-block, or an occasion to fall.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus 14 that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who accounteth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. For if thy brother suffers 15 hurt by thy food, thou art no longer walking according to love. Destroy not by thy food him

for whom Christ died.

Let not, then, your good be evil spoken of; for 16, 17 the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who in this matter serveth 18 Christ is well pleasing to God, and approved by men. Therefore we follow after the things which 19

make for peace, and things whereby we may edify each other. Destroy not for food's sake 20

1 Pet. iv. 2.

Isa. xlv. 23.

1 Cor. viii. 11.

Matt. vi. 33. Rom. v. 1.

the work of God. All things indeed are clean; but it is ill for that man whose eating giveth Titus i. 15.

21 offence. It is good not to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother 22 stumbleth. The faith which thou hast, have it

to thyself before God. Happy is he who judgeth 1 John iii. 21. 23 not himself in that which he alloweth. And he who doubteth is condemned if he eat, because

he eateth not in faith; for whatsoever is not of Heb. xi. 6. faith is sin.

But we who are strong ought to bear the in-

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of God.

firmities of the weak, and not to please our-2 selves. Let each of us please his neighbour for Psa. lxix. 9.

3 his good to edification; for Christ also pleased not himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproach Thee have

4 fallen on me." For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning; that we through patience and the comfort given

5 by the Scriptures might have hope. Now the 1 Cor. i. 10. God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded towards each other according to 6 Christ Jesus; that ye may with one mind and

one mouth glorify the God and Father of our 7 Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, even as Christ received us to the glory

For I say that Christ has become a minister of the Circumcision for the sake of God's truth.

o to confirm the promises made to the fathers, and that the Gentiles may glorify God for His mercy, Psa. xviii. 40. as it is written.

"For this cause I will give thanks to Thee Among the Gentiles,

And sing praises to Thy name."

And again he saith, 10

"Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His People."

And again, 11 "Praise the LORD, all ye Gentiles;

And let all the peoples praise Him." And again Isaiah saith. 12

> "There shall be the root of Jesse, And he who ariseth to reign over the Gentiles:

In him shall the Gentiles hope."

Deut. xxxii. 43.

Psa. cxvii. 1.

Isa. xi. 10.

Rom. xiv. 17.

Now, the God of hope fill you with all joy and 13 peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

AND I myself also am persuaded concerning 14

Heb. vi. 9.

you, my brethren, that ye yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish each other. Nevertheless, I write the 15 more boldly to you in some degree, as one putting you in remembrance, because of the grace given me from God; that I should be a minister of 16

Eph. iii. 2.

you in remembrance, because of the grace given me from God; that I should be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, and so minister the sacred office of the Gospel of God that the offering up of the Gentiles may be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Isa. lxvi. 20.

I have therefore my own ground for glorying 17 through Jesus Christ in things pertaining to God. For I will not presume to speak of any 18 things except those which Christ, to bring the Gentiles to obedience, wrought through me by word and deed, in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Holy Spirit; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum.

Gal. ii. 8.

word and deed, in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Holy Spirit; so that
from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum,
I have fully preached the gospel of Christ; yet 20
striving so to preach the gospel, not where
Christ was already named, that I might not
build upon another man's foundation, but as it 21
is written.

Isa. lii 15.

"They to whom no tidings of him came,

Shall see; And they who have heard not.

Shall understand."

1 Thess. ii. 18.

And thus I was hindered many times from 22 coming to you. But now, having no further 23 opening in these parts, and having had for some years a great desire to come to you, whenever I take my journey into Spain—for I trust to see you as I pass, and to be helped by you on my way thither, after I have been in some measure satisfied with your company.

Acts xix. 21.

But, for the present, I go to Jerusalem to min- 25 ister to the saints. For it pleased those of 26 Macedonia and Achaia (a) to make a certain

(a) Or, Greece.

contribution for the poor among the saints in 27 Jerusalem. So it pleased them; and they are indebted to them; for if the Gentiles were made partakers of their spiritual things, the Gentiles 1 Cor. ix. 11. ought also to minister to them in temporal things.

Therefore when I have performed this, and have secured to them this fruit, I will go on 29 through you into Spain. And I am sure that. when I come to you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that ve strive together with me in your prayers to Col. iv. 3.

31 God for me; that I may be delivered from those in Iudæa who are unbelievers; and that my ministration which is for Jerusalem may prove 32 acceptable to the saints; that I may come to

you with joy by the will of God, and may together with you be refreshed.

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen. 1 Cor. xiv. 33. 33

16 I COMMEND to you Phoebe our sister, who is a deaconess of the church which is in Cenchreæ;

2 that ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh Phil. ii. 29. saints, and that ye help her in whatsoever business she hath need of you; for she hath been a helper of many, and of myself also.

Salute Prisca and Aquila, my fellow-workers 1 Cor. xvi. 19. 4 in Christ Jesus; for they for my life endangered their own necks: unto whom not only I, but also

all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks. 5 Likewise salute the church which is in their

Salute my well-beloved Epænetus, who is the 6 firstfruits of Asia unto Christ. Salute Marv. 7 for she bestowed much labour on you. Salute

Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my Gal i. 22. fellow-prisoners, for they are distinguished among the apostles, and were in Christ before I was,

8, 9 Salute Ampliatus my beloved in the Lord. Salute Urbanus our fellow-worker in Christ, and 10 Stachys my beloved. Salute Apelles, approved

in Christ. Salute those who are of the house-11 hold of Aristobulus. Salute Herodion my kins-



Eph. i. 4.

1 Pet. v. 14.

Matt. xviii. 17.

Rom. i. 8.

Rom. xv. 33.

1 Cor. i. 14. Acts xix. 22.

Eph. iii. 20.

Matt. xxviii. 10.

Eph. i. o.

Jude 25.

Salute those who are of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. Salute Try- 12 phæna and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, for she laboured much in the Lord. Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, 13 and his mother and mine. Salute Asyncritus, 14 Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brethren who are with them. Salute Philologus 15 and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. Salute 16 each other with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ salute you. Now I beseech you, brethren, mark those who 17 cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye learned; and avoid them. For such persons serve not our Lord Christ, but 18 their own belly; and by their smooth and plausible speeches beguile the hearts of the innocent. For your obedience has come abroad unto all 19 men. I rejoice therefore over you; yet I would have you wise concerning that which is good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of 20 peace will bruise Satan under vour feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. TIMOTHY my fellow-worker, and Lucius and 21 Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you. I Tertius, the penman of this letter, salute you 22 in the Lord. Gaius-my host, and of the whole 23 church—saluteth you. Erastus the treasurer of the city and Quartus the brother salute you. Now unto Him who is able to establish you 25 according to my gospel and the proclaiming of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal but now is manifested, and by the 26 scriptures of the prophets is made known, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, to all the nations for obedience to the faith, —to the only wise God (a), through Jesus 27

Christ, to whom (b) be the glory for ever. Amen.

<sup>(</sup>a) Or to God, alone wise.
(b) Some MSS, omit "to whom."

#### THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE

## CORINTHIANS

I DAUL, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus Acts xxvii. 23. 1 by the will of God, together with Sosthenes 2 our brother, to the church of God which is in Acts xvii. 17. Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every 1 Pet. i. 2. place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our

3 Lord, who is theirs and ours; grace and peace be to you from God our Father and the Lord

Jesus Christ.

I THANK GOD always on your behalf, for the Rom. i. 8. grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus; that in every thing ye were enriched in 6 him, in all utterance and in all knowledge; even

as the testimony of Christ was confirmed among

you; so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting 8 for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ; who Titus ii. 13. will also establish you unto the end, unblamable

o in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. faithful, by whom we were called into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOW I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same 2 Cor. xiii. 11. thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly united in the same mind and in the same judgment.

For it hath been declared to me of you, my brethren, by those who are of the house of Chloe,

12 that there are contentions among you. I mean this, that each of you saith, "I am of Paul"; Acts xix. 1. "And I, of Apollos"; "And I, of Cephas"; "And I, of Christ."

Has Christ been divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of 14 Paul? I give thanks that I baptized none of

15 you but Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should Acts xviii. 8.

say that we were baptized into my name. Yet 16 I baptized also the household of Stephanas; I

know not that I baptized any one else.

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to 17 preach the gospel; not with wisdom of words. lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is to 18 those who are perishing, foolishness; but to us

who are being saved, it is the power of God. For 10 it is written.

> "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise. And the prudence of the prudent I will re-

Where is the wise man? where is the scholar? 20 where is the disputer of this age? hath not Gop

shown the wisdom of the world to be foolish? For 21 since, in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of the message to save those who believe. For 22 Jews demand signs, and Greeks seek wisdom; but we preach a crucified Christ, to Jews a 23 stumbling-block, and to Gentiles (a) foolishness; but to those who are the called, both Jews and 24 Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than 25 men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how 26 that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but 27 God chose the foolish things of the world that He may bring to shame the wise; and God chose the weak things of the world to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the 28 world, and the things which are despised, God chose, yea, things which are not, that He may bring to naught the things which are: that no 20 flesh should glory in God's presence. But of 30 Him ye are in Christ Jesus, who is made unto us

AND I, brethren, when I came to you declaring 1 2

(a) Or (in some MSS.) Greeks.

wisdom from GoD; yea, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; that, as it is 31 written, "He who glorieth, let him glory in the

T Cor. ii. 1.

Isa. xxix. 14.

Isa. xliv. 25. lsa. xxxiii. 18.

Jer. ix. 24.

1 Cor. i. 18.

Zeph. iii. 12.

Rom. iii. 27.

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to you the testimony (a) of God, came not with 2 excellency of speech or of wisdom. For I determined not to know any thing among you, except

3 Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with Gal. vi. 14. you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trem-

4 bling. And my utterance and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in

5 demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that your faith might not have its being in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Howbeit we speak wisdom among those who Phil. iii. 15. are perfect (b); yet not a wisdom of this age. nor of the rulers of this age, who come to naught;

7 but we speak a wisdom of God in a mystery, the Psa. xxxiii. 10. hidden wisdom, which Gop foreordained before

8 the ages, unto our glory; which none of the rulers of this world hath known; for had they known it, they would not have crucified the

o Lord of glory; but, as it is written.

Isa. lxiv. 4. "Things which eye saw not, and ear heard

And which entered not the heart of man. Whatsoever things God hath prepared for

those who love Him." 10 For God revealed them to us by the Spirit; for John xvi. 13.

the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep 11 things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is within him? even so the things of God none

12 but the Spirit of Gop knoweth. Now we re-ceived, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God; that we might know the 1 John v. 20. things which were freely given to us by God;

13 which things also we speak, not in the words which human wisdom teacheth, but in those which the Spirit teacheth; combining spiritual

14 things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But the spiritual man discerneth all things, yet Pro. xxviii. 5.

16 he himself is discerned by no one. For "who Isa. xl. 13.

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<sup>(</sup>a) Or (in some MSS.) mystery.
(b) Or fully grown, i.e. mature Christians (perfect in Christ, Colossians i. 28).

hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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AND I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men in the flesh, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with solid food; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it: neither vet now are ye able; for ye are yet carnal. For whereas there are among you envying and strife, are ye not carnal and walking after the manner of men? For while one saith, "I am of Paul"; and another, "I am of Apol-

los," are ye not men?

What then is Apollos? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I planted; Apollos watered: but GoD gave the increase. So then neither he who planteth, nor he who watereth, but only God who giveth the increase, is of any moment. Now, he who planteth and he who watereth are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are God's fellow-workers; ye are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the 10 grace of God which was given me, as a wise master-builder I laid a foundation; but another buildeth thereon. But let each take heed how For other foundation 11 he buildeth thereon. can no one lay than that which is laid, which is Iesus Christ. Now if any one build upon the 12 foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hav, stubble, the work of each will be made 13 manifest; for the day will declare it, for it is revealed by fire; and the fire will prove each man's work, of what sort it is. If any one's 14 work which he built thereon shall abide, he will receive a reward. If any one's work be burnt, 15 he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved; vet so as through fire.

Isa. xxviii. 16.

1 Cor. i. 12.

1 Cor. xv. 10.

John xv. 5.

Psa. lxii. 12.

Zec. iii. 2.

1 Cor. vi. 19.

Know ye not that ye are a sanctuary of God, 16 and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If 17 any one destroyeth the sanctuary of God, God will destroy him; for the sanctuary of God is

holy, which sanctuary ye are.

Let no one deceive himself If any one 18

Pro. xxvi. 12.

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among you thinketh himself to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be-10 come wise. For the wisdom of this world is Job. v. 13. foolishness with Gop. For it is written, "He 20 taketh the wise in their own craftiness"; and again, "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the Psa, xciv, 11. wise, that they are vain." Therefore let no one glory in men. For all 22 things are yours; Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, 23 or things to come; all are yours; and ve are Rom. xiv. 8. Christ's: and Christ is Gop's. LET men so account of us as of ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is here required in stewards, that a Luke xii. 42. 3 man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small matter that I should be examined by you or by man's judgment; yea, I examine not my 4 own self. For I am not conscious of anything against myself; yet I am not hereby justified; 5 but he who examineth me is the LORD. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Matt. vii. r. Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest Rom. ii. 16. the counsels of the hearts; and then each will have his praise from God. Now, these things, brethren, I in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn by our case not to go beyond the things which are written, that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other. 7 For who maketh thee to differ? and what hast thou which thou didst not receive? now, if thou James i. 17. didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou 8 hadst not received it? Already ye are filled; already ye are become rich; apart from us ye reigned; yea, and I would ye did reign, that we 9 also might reign with you. For I reckon that God set forth us the apostles last of all, as if

11 honourable, but we are despised. Even unto Rom. viii. 35. this present hour we hunger and thirst, and are

doomed to death; for we are made a spectacle to to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are

Matt. v. 44.

naked and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place; yea, we toil, working with our 12 own hands; though reviled, we bless; though persecuted, we endure; though defamed, we en- 13 treat; we became as the refuse of the world, and as the offscouring of all things, even until now.

1 Thess. ii. 11.

I write not these things to shame you, but to 14 admonish you, as my beloved children. though ye might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet ye have not many fathers; for it is I who, in Christ Jesus, begot you through the Wherefore I beseech you, become imi- 16 gospel. tators of me. For this same cause I sent to you 17 Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord; and he will put you in remembrance of my ways in Christ Jesus, even as I teach everywhere in every church.

James iv. 15.

Now, some are puffed up as if I were not 18 coming to you. But I will come to you quickly, 19 if the Lord will, and I shall then know, not the speech of those who are puffed up, but the power; for the kingdom of Gop is not in word, 20 but in power. What would ye? that I come to 21 you with a rod? or in love and in the spirit of

2 Cor. xiii. 10.

meekness?

Deut. xxvii. 20.

IT is everywhere reported that there is fornication among you; and such fornication as there is not even among the Gentiles, that one of you hath his father's wife! And ye are puffed up; and did not rather mourn, so that he who did this deed might be put away from among you.

Col. ii. 5.

For I verily, being absent in body but present in spirit, have already, concerning him who thus did this deed, decided in the name of the Lord Jesus, as if I were present—ye and my spirit being gathered together in the power of our Lord Jesus-to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

1 Cor. xi. 32.

Your glorying is not good. Know ve not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, according as ye are unleavened. For our passover, Christ, also was sacrificed; therefore

Isa. liii. 7.

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let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I wrote to you in my epistle (a) that ye should 10 not keep company with fornicators; meaning, Eph. v. 11. not so much the fornicators of this world, or its covetous men and extortioners, or idolaters, for

- II then we would have to go out of the world. But. this being so, I wrote to you, not to keep company with any one called a Brother, if he is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner: with such a one 12 not even to eat. For is it my work to judge those who are outside? do not ye judge those
- 13 who are within? But those who are outside. Gop will judge. Put away from among your-

selves that wicked person.

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Deut. xvii. 9. Deut. xix. 19. Deut. xxiv. 7.

DARES any one of you, having a matter against his fellow, to go to law before the unright-2 eous, and not before the saints? Or know ve not that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge 3 the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall Dan. vii. 22.

judge angels-to say nothing of matters which 4 pertain to this life? If then ye have to judge of

matters pertaining to this life, do ye set those to 5 judge who are of little esteem in the church? say this to move you to shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise person among you, not even one, who will be able to decide between his breth-

6 ren? But brother goeth to law with brother, and Pro. xx. 22. 7 that before unbelievers. Now therefore it is alto-

gether a defect in you that ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather suffer wrong? why do ye not rather let yourselves be robbed?

8 Nay, ye commit wrong and robbery, and that to your brethren.

Or know ye not that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; Gal. v. 10. not fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor

(a) So that this was not his first Epistle to the Corinthians.

in your body.

effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but if ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Cor. ix. 27.

All things are permitted to me, but all things 12 are not expedient; all things are permitted to me, but I will not be brought under the dominion of any. Foods for the belly, and the belly for 13 foods: but Gop will bring to naught both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord, and will also raise 14 up us through his power. Know ye not that 15 your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid! What! know 16 ye not that he who cleaveth to a harlot is one body with her? for, "the two," saith Gop, "shall become one flesh." But he who cleaveth 17 to the Lord is one spirit with him. Flee fornica- 18 tion. Every other sinful act which a man doeth is outside the body; but he who committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. Or 10 know ye not that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God, and that ye are not your own? For ye 20 were bought with a price; therefore glorify God

Pro. xvi. 25.

Gen. ii. 24.

1 Cor. vi. 16, 17.

Acts xx. 28.

Ex. xxi. 10.

NOW, concerning the things whereof ye wrote: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render to the wife what is due; and likewise also the wife to the husband. Over her own body not the wife, but the husband hath a right; likewise, also, over his own body not the husband, but the wife hath a right. Deprive ye not one the other, unless it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves unto prayer and be together again, lest because of your lack

1 Thess. iii. 5.

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6 of self-control Satan tempt you. But I say this 7 as a concession, not as a command. But I would that all men were even as I myself am, Yet every one hath his own gift from God, one 8 after this manner, and another after that. I say to unmarried men and to widows, it is o good for them if they abide even as I. But if I Tim. v. 14. they cannot control themselves, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. And the married I command (yet not I, but the Lord): Let not the wife separate from her 11 husband; but if she has been separated let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband; and let not the husband put away his wife. Mal. ii. 15. But to the rest I say (not the Lord): If any T 2 brother hath a wife who believeth not, and she is pleased to dwell with him, let him not leave And a woman who hath a husband who believeth not, if her husband be willing to dwell 14 with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified in the brother; else, were your children 15 unclean; but now they are holy. But if the unbeliever would be separated, let him be sepa- Rom. xii. 18. rated. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases; but Gop hath called you in peace. 16 For how knowest thou, O wife, whether thou 1 Pet iii 1. shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife? Only, as the Lord hath imparted to each, as God hath called each, so let him walk. And Acts xv. s. 18 thus I appoint in all the churches. Was any circumcised man called? let him not become uncircumcised. Has any one been called in un-10 circumcision? let him not be circumcised. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision, but only the keeping of the commandments of God is of 20 any moment. Let each abide in the calling John xv. 14.

21 wherein he was called. Wast thou called being a bond-servant? let it not be a care to thee; but if thou canst become free, prefer to do so (a).

<sup>(</sup>a) Or (possibly) even if thou canst become free, prefer thy state.

John viii. 36.

For he who, being a servant, is called in the 22 Lord, is the Lord's freedman; likewise he who, being free, is called, is Christ's servant. Ye 23 were bought with a price; become not servants of men. Brethren, let every one abide before 24 Gon in that state in which he was called.

Now concerning virgins I have no command- 25 ment from the Lord; yet I give my judgment, as one who hath obtained mercy from the Lord to be faithful. I consider therefore that this is 26

good because of the present distress; I mean, that it is good for a man to remain as he is. thou bound to a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife; seek not a wife.

But even if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; 28 and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned.

Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh; but I would spare you.

But this I say, brethren, the time has been 20 shortened, that henceforth those who have wives may live as if they had none; and those who 30 weep, as if they wept not; and those who rejoice, as if they rejoiced not; and those who buy, as if they possessed not; and those who use the 31 world, as not using it to the full; for the fashion

of this world passeth away.

But I would have you keep free from care. 32 He who is unmarried is careful for the things which belong to the Lord, how he may please the

Lord; but he who hath married is careful for the things which are of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. Both the woman 34

who remaineth unmarried and the virgin are careful for the things of the Lord, that they may be holy both in body and in spirit; but she who is married is careful for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. And this I say 35 for your own profit; not that I may ensnare you, but with a view to what is becoming, and that ye

may attend upon the Lord without distraction. But if any one considers that he behaves him- 36 self unbecomingly towards his virgin, if she is in the flower of her age, and need so requires, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let her (a)

(a) Gr. them.

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1 Tim. i. 12.

Heb. xiii. 4.

Psa. xxxix. 6.

1 Tim. v. 5.

1 Cor. vii. 11.

Luke x. 40.

37 marry. But he who standeth fast in his heart. having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath resolved in his heart that he

38 will keep his virgin unmarried, will do well. So then he who giveth her in marriage doeth well; 1 Cor. vii. 28. and he who giveth her not in marriage will do better.

The wife is bound as long as her husband 39 liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is at 2 Cor. vi. 14. liberty to marry whom she will; only in the Lord.

40 But, in my judgment, she is happier if she reremain as she is; and I also have, I think, the Spirit of God.

8 NOW, concerning things offered to idols, we know that we all have knowledge; knowledge 2 puffeth up, but love edifieth. If any one think-

eth that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth it 3 not yet as he ought to know it. But if any one Nah. i. 7.

4 loves God, the same is known by Him. As concerning therefore the eating of those things which are offered to idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there is no 5 Gop but one. For though indeed there are that

are called gods, whether in heaven or on the earth (as there are gods many and lords many),

6 yet to us there is but one God, the Father, from Mal. ii. 10. whom are all things, and we unto Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him.

Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge; but some, from being familiar until now with the idol, eat food as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But food will not commend us to God; neither Rom. xiv. 17. if we eat not, are we the worse; nor, if we eat, 9 are we the better. But take heed lest in any

way this liberty of yours become a stumbling-10 block to the weak. For if any one see thee who hast knowledge sitting at table in the idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be em-

boldened to eat those things which are offered II to idols? for through thy knowledge the weak one • perisheth, the brother for whose sake Christ died.

12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and Matt. xxv. 40.

wound their conscience, weak as it is, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if food be a stumbling-block 13 to my brother, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to stumble

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Acts ix. 3.

AM I not free? am I not an apostle? have I not seen Jesus our Lord? are ye not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you; for ye are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my answer to those who question me. Have we not the right to eat and to drink? Have we not the right to take about with us a wife who is a believer? (a) even as the other apostles, and the Lord's brothers, and Cephas? Or have I only and Barnabas not the right to forbear working? Who serveth as a soldier at his own charges? planteth a vineyard, and eateth not the fruit thereof? or who tendeth a flock, and partaketh not of the milk of the flock?

2 Thess. iii. 8.

Deut. xxv. 4.

Say I these things as a man? or saith not the Law the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "Thou shalt not muzzle an ox which treadeth out the corn." Is it for the oxen 10 that God cares? Or saith He it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, it was written; for he who plougheth ought to plough in hope, and he who thresheth to thresh in hope of partaking.

Rom. xv. 27.

If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a 11 great matter if we shall reap your carnal things? If in this right over you others partake, why not 12 we still more? Nevertheless we used not this right; but we suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Know ye not that 13 those who minister about sacred things eat of the things from the temple? and those who give attendance at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so the Lord ordained that those 14 who preach the gospel should live by the gospel. Nevertheless I have used none of these things; 15

Luke x. 7.

(a) Lit. sister.

neither have I written these things that it should

be so done in my case; for it were better for me to die than-but no one shall make my glorying 16 void. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing whereof to glory, since necessity is laid upon me; for, alas for me, if I preach not the 17 gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a Jer. i. 17.

reward; but if against my will, yet I am en-

18 trusted with a stewardship. What is my reward then? Verily, that, while I preach the gospel, I may minister the gospel without charge, so as not to use to the full my right in the gospel.

For though I was bound to no man, yet I made Rom. i. 14. myself servant to all, that I might win the more.

20 And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law, that I might win those who are under the Law (though not myself under

21 it); to those who are without law, as without 1 Cor. vii. 22. law, (not being without law as to God, but under law as to Christ,) that I might win those who

22 are without law. To the weak I became weak. that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save 23 some. And I do all things for the gospel's sake,

that I may be a fellow-partaker thereof.

Know ye not that those who run in the race- Phil. ii. 16. course, all indeed run; but one receiveth the

25 prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every one who contendeth in the games is temperate in all things. Now, they are so, in order to obtain a corruptible crown; but we, an incorrupt-

I therefore so run, not as without purpose; 27 I so fight, not as one who beats the air; but I Rom. viii. 13.

keep my body under, and make it my servant; lest by any means, after having preached to others, I should myself prove a castaway (a).

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FOR, brethren, I would not have you ignorant that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all 2 passed through the sea, and were all baptized unto

3 Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the JEx. xvi. 15. 4 same spiritual food, and all drank the same Ex. xvii. 6.

) Ex. xiv. 22.

∫ Ex. xiii. 21.

(a) Or be rejected.

Num. xxvi. 64.

spiritual drink; for they drank from a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ; yet with the greater number of them God was not well pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now, in these things they became figures of

Ex. xxxii. 6. Num. xxv. 1. us, that we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Be ye not idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit fornication; as some of them did-and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Nor let us try the Lord (a); as some of them tried him-and were destroyed by the Nor murmur ye; as some of them 10 serpents. murmured, and perished by the destroyer.

Psa. cvi. 14. Num. xiv. 2.

> Now, these things happened to them by way 11 of figure, and they are written to admonish us, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Wherefore let him who thinketh he standeth 12 There hath overtaken 13 take heed lest he fall. you no temptation but such as is common to

Pro. xxviii. 14.

man; and God is faithful, and will not suffer you to be tempted above that which ye are able to bear; but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure.

1 John v. 21.

Wherefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a 16

communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a communion of the 17 body of Christ? seeing that we who are many are one bread, one body; for we all partake from that one bread. Consider Israel according to 18 the flesh: have not those who eat the sacrifices communion with the altar? What say I then? 19 that what is offered to idols is anything? or that an idol is anything? Rather I say that the 20 things which they sacrifice, they sacrifice to evil spirits, and not to Gop; and I would not that ye should have communion with the evil spirits. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup 21

1 Cor. ix. 13.

Deut. xxxii. 17.

of evil spirits; ye cannot partake at the Lord's (a) Or (as some ancient authorities have it) Christ.

22 table and at the table of evil spirits. Or would Deut. xxxii. 21. we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

All things are permitted, but all things are not expedient; all things are permitted, but all

24 things edify not. Let no one seek his own wel- 1 Cor. xiii. 5.

25 fare, but each his fellow's. Eat whatsoever is sold in the shambles, asking no questions for

26 conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, Psa. xxiv. 1.

27 with the fulness thereof." If one of those who believe not invite you, and ye be disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question

28 for conscience' sake. But if any one say to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then, for 1 Cor. viii. 10.

sake of him who showed it and for conscience' 20 sake, eat not of it—I mean not thine own con-

science but the other's; for why is my liberty 30 judged by another conscience? If I with thank-

fulness am a partaker, why am I spoken evil of Rom. xiv. 6. for that for which I myself give thanks?

So, whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye Col. iii. 17.

32 do, do all to the glory of God. Give no cause of offence to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church

33 of GoD; even as I please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but that of the many, that they may be saved.

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Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Eph. v. 1. Christ.

NOW, I praise you, because ye remember me in all things, and hold fast the traditions, even 3 as I delivered them to you. But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; the head of a woman is her husband; and the Gen. iii. 16.

4 head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishon-5 oureth his head. But every woman who pray-

eth or prophesieth with her head uncovered, dishonoureth her head; for it is even all one as if 6 she were shaven. For if the woman is not

covered, let her also be shorn; but if it is a shame Num. v. 18. for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be 7 covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of GoD; but the woman is the glory of the man.

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Gen. ii. 18.

For the man is not from the workan; but the woman from the man. Neither was the man created for the woman's sake; but the woman for the man's. For this cause the woman ought 10 to have a veil (a) on her head because of the angels. Yet, in the Lord, neither is the woman 11 without the man, nor the man without the woman. For as the woman is from the man, so 12 also is the man through the woman; but all

Rom. xi. 56.

things are from God. Judge ye among your-selves, is it becoming that a woman pray to God uncovered? doth not even nature itself teach 14 you, that if a man hath long hair, it is a shame to him; but that if a woman hath long hair, it 15 is a glory to her? for her hair is given her for a covering. But, if any one thinks fit to be con- 16 tentious, we have no such custom, nor have the

1 Tim. vi. 4.

NOW in giving you this charge I praise you 17 not; for you come together not for the better, but for the worse. For, first, I hear that when 18 you come together in assembly, there are divisions among you; and in part I believe it. For 10 there must be heresies also among you, that so those who are approved may be made manifest among you.

Heb. xi. 18. 2 Pet. ii. 13.

Matt. xviii. 7.

So when we meet together, it is not possible to 20 eat the Lord's supper, for, when ye eat, each 21 taketh beforehand his own supper; and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have 22 ye not houses in which to eat and to drink? or do ye despise the church of God, and put to shame those who are in want? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you? In this I praise you not.

1 Cor. xv. 3.

For I received of the Lord that which also I 23 delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread; and 24 when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, This is my body, which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. Likewise also, when he 25

Luke xxii. 10.

had supped, he took the cup, saying, This cup is

(a) Lit. authority.

the new covenant in my blood; do this, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For, as often as ye eat this bread and drink the cup, ye show forth the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore, whosoever shall eat the bread or Rev. xxii. 20. drink the cup of the Lord unworthily, he shall

be guilty in respect of the body and the blood of 28 the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and

so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 20 For he who eateth and drinketh, eateth and

drinketh a judgment to himself, if he judgeth 30 not rightly of the body. For this cause many

are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 But if we judged rightly of ourselves, we should Psa, xxxii. 5.

32 not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are chastened, that we may not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come to-34 gether to eat, tarry for each other. If any one hunger, let him eat at home, lest ye come together unto a judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

NOW concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I 2 would not have you ignorant. Ye know that when ye were Gentiles, ye were led away unto 1 Thess. i. 9. those dumb idols, howsoever ye were led.

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no one speaking in the Spirit of God saith, "Jesus is accursed"; and that no one can say, "Jesus is the Lord," but in the Holy Spirit.

Now, there are diversities of gifts, but there is Mark ix. 39. 5 one same Spirit. And there are diversities of Rom. xii. 6. 6 administrations, yet one same Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but it is the same Gop who worketh all in all.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to Eph. iv. 7. 8 each to profit withal. For to one is given through the Spirit a word of wisdom, and to another, a word of knowledge, according to the o same Spirit; to some other, in the same Spirit, faith; and to another, in the one Spirit, gifts of

10 healings; and to another, workings of miracles; and to another, prophecy; and to another, discernings of spirits; to some other, divers kinds

1 Cor xii 6.

of tongues; and to another, interpretation of tongues; but the one and the selfsame Spirit II worketh all these things, distributing to each severally as He will.

John i. 16.

For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For 13 in one Spirit we all were baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, and were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Cor xii 28.

For the body is not one member, but many. 14 If the foot should say, Because I am not the 15 hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole 17 body were an eye, where would be the hearing?

1 Cor. xii. 11.

be the smelling? But, as it is, God set the mem18
bers each of them in the body, as He willed.
Moreover, if they were all one member, where 19
would be the body? But now there are many 20
members, yet but one body.

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Ecc. iv. o.

But the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no 21 need of thee; nor again the head to the feet. I have no need of you. Nay, much rather, those 22 members of the body which are thought to be the feebler are necessary; and those members 23 of the body which we think to be less honourable, we surround with more abundant honour; and our uncomely members receive more abundant comeliness; but our comely members have no 24 such need. But Gop tempered the body together, giving more abundant honour to that part which lacked; that there should be no schism in 25 the body; but that the members should have the same care for each other. And if one mem- 26 ber suffer, all the members suffer with it; if a member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Eph. v. 30.

Now, ye are the body of Christ, and several- 27 ly members thereof. And God set some in 28 the church—first, apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers; then miracles, then gifts

of healing, helps, governments, diversities of 20 tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are 30 all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do Acts. ii. 8. 31 all interpret? But earnestly seek the greater

And moreover I show you a most excellent

THOUGH I should speak in the tongues of men 2 Cor. xii. 4. and of angels, yet not have love. I have become 1 Pet. iv. 8. 2 sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And 1 Cor. xiv. 1. though I should have the gift of prophecy, and be acquainted with all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I should have all faith so Matt. xvii. 20. that I could remove mountains, yet not have

3 love, I am nothing. And though I should be- Matt. vi. 1. stow all my goods to feed the poor, and give my James ii. 14. body to be burnt, yet not have love. I am nothing.

Love is long-suffering; love is kind, envieth [Pro. x. 12. not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed [James iii. 16. 5 up, doth not behave itself unbecomingly, seek- Col. ii. 18.

eth not its own, is not easily provoked, im- 1 Cor. x. 24. 6 puteth not evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, Pro. xiv. 17. 7 but rejoiceth in the truth, suffereth all things, Rom. i. 32. believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth

all things.

gifts.

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Love never faileth; but whether there are prophecies, they will be done away; whether there are tongues, they will cease: whether there 9 is knowledge, it will be done away. For we

10 know in part, and we prophesy in part. But 1 Cor. viii. 2. when that which is perfect has come, that which

II is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought as a child, I reasoned as a child; now that I have become a

12 man, I have put away childish things. For now 2 Cor. iii. 18. we see, by a mirror, darkly; but then, face to face: now I know in part; but then, even as I { Jer. i. 5. { Psa. cxxxix. 1. was known, I shall know in full.

But, even so, these three, faith, hope, love, Heb. x. 35 abide; but the greatest of these is love.

Follow after love, but earnestly seek spiritual I Cor. xiii. 2. 2 gifts, and especially that ye may prophesy. For

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men, but to God, for no one understandeth him: yet in spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he who prophesieth speaketh to men unto edification, and comfort, and consolation. He who speaketh in a tongue edifieth himself; but he who prophesieth edifieth the church. I would that ye all spoke in tongues, but I would rather that ye prophesied; and greater is he who prophesieth than he who speaketh in tongues, unless he interpret, so that the church may receive edification. But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking

in tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying or doctrine? Even as when things without life give a sound, whether pipe or harp; unless they give a distinction in the notes, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle? So likewise ye, unless ye utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye will be speaking into the There are, it may be, so many kinds of 10 sounds in the world, and nothing is without

eigner to me. Even so, inasmuch as ye are earnestly desirous 12 of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may abound to the edification of the church.

sound; therefore if I know not the meaning of 11

the sound, I shall be to him who speaketh a foreigner; and he who speaketh will be a for-

John iv. 24.

Num. x. o.

Ps. xix. 3.

r Cor. xiv. 26.

Wherefore let him who speaketh in a tongue 13 pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a 14 tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understand-ing is unfruitful. What then? I will pray with 15 the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding

Eph. v. 19.

also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Since, if thou 16 bless with the spirit, how shall he who filleth the place of the unlearned say the Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing that he understandeth not what thou sayest? For, verily, thou givest 17

1 Cor. xi. 24.

thanks well, but the other is not edified. I 18 thank God I speak in tongues more than ye all;

10 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, so that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brethren, be not children in mind; howbeit, Eph. iv. 14. in malice, be ye babes, but in understanding be 21 grown men! In the Law it is written, "By men Isa. xxviii. 11. of strange tongues, and by the lips of strangers. I will speak to this people; and not even thus will they hearken to me, saith the Lord."

22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to the unbelieving; but prophesving serveth not for the unbelieving, but 23 for those who believe. Therefore if the whole

church be assembled, and all speak in tongues. and there come in those who are unlearned, or Acts ii. 13. unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in an unbe-

liever, or one who is unlearned, he is convicted 25 by all, he is examined by all; the secrets of his heart are made manifest; and so, falling down on his face he will worship Gop, and report that of a truth God is among you.

What then, brethren? when ye come together, each hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a reve- 1 Cor. xiv. 6. lation, hath a tongue, hath an interpretation.

27 Let all things be done unto edifying. If any one speak in a tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three; and that in turn; and let one 28 interpret; but if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the assembly; and let him speak

20 to himself, and to God. Let the prophets speak 1 Cor. xiv. 39. 30 by two or by three, and let the rest discern.

any thing be revealed to another who sitteth by, 31 let the first hold his peace. For ye all can prophesy, one at a time, that all may learn, and 32 all may be encouraged. Moreover, the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is a God not of confusion, but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, let your Gen. iii. 16. women keep silence in the assemblies; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but let them

35 be in subjection, as also the Law saith. And if they wish to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for a woman to speak in assembly.

1 Cor. iv. 7.

What! Was it from you that the word of 36 God went forth? or came it to you only? If any 37 one considereth himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him recognise the things which I write to you, that they are a commandment of the Lord. But if any one knoweth not, he is 38 not known. Wherefore, my brethren, desire aernestly to prophesy, and forbid not to speak in tongues; but let all things be done decently 40 and in order.

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1 Cor. xiv. 33.

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Acts ix. 17.

Matt. x. 20.

1 Thess. iv. 14.

NOW, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also ye received. and wherein ve stand: by which also, if ve hold fast the word I preached to you, ye are being saved, unless ve believed in vain. For I de-3 livered to you first of all, that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures; and that he was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve; afterwards he was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain to this present time, but some have fallen asleep. Afterwards he was seen by James; then by all the apostles. And last of all he was seen by me also, as by the one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, and am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of 10 God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of GoD which was with me. Therefore whether it is I or they, so we preach, 11 and so ve believed. Now if Christ is preached that he has been 12

raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But 13 if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not 14 been raised, then our preaching is vain, and your faith is vain. Yea, and we are found false wit-

nesses as to God; because we testified of God

that he raised Christ, whom he raised not, if it Rom. iv. 25. 16 be that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been 17 raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your

18 faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have

to perished. If all that we have is a hope in Christ during this life, we are of all men the most 1 Cor. iv. 13. to be pitied.

But, as it is, Christ has been raised from the

21 dead, the firstfruits of those who sleep. For since by man came death, by man came also Acts xxvi. 23. 22 the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam

all die, even so in Christ will all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order; Christ the first- 1 Thess. iv. 15.

fruits; afterwards those who are Christ's, at

24 his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father: when he shall have abolished all rule 25 and all authority and power; for he must reign Psa. cx. 1.

until he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 27 Death, the last enemy, is being abolished. For, Psa. viii. 7. "He put all things under his feet"; but when it saith, "All things are put under him," it is manifest that He is excepted who put all things under 28 him. And when all things shall be put under

him, then shall the Son also himself be put under Him who put all things under him, that God I Cor. xi. 3. may be all in all.

Else what shall they do who are baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are men baptized for them?

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? 31 Brethren, by the glorying in you which I have

32 in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. If, as men Isa, xxii, 13. do. I fought with beasts at Ephesus, what doth it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us

33 eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. Be not deceived: "Evil companionships corrupt good 1 Cor. v. 6

34 morals." Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have no knowledge of God; I speak this to move you to shame.

But some one may say, How are the dead Eze, xxxvii. 3. raised? and with what kind of body do they

come?

Thou foolish one, that which thou sowest is 36 not made alive unless it die; and as to that 37 which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body which shall be, but bare grain, it may be of wheat or of some other plant; but God giveth 38 it a body as He willed, and to each seed a body of its own. All flesh is not the same flesh; but 39 there is one flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of birds, and another of fishes. There 40 are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial bodies is of one kind, while that of the terrestrial is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory.

Thus also is the resurrection of the dead. It 42 is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it 43 is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. 44 If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. And so it is written, The first man Adam 45 "was made a living soul"; the last Adam was made a life-giving spirit. Howbeit, that was 46 not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; afterwards came that which is spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthy; the 47 second man was from heaven. Such as was the 48 earthy, such also are they who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of 49

heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we all shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then will

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Dan. xii. 3.

Gen. ii. v.

Gen. i. 12.

Gen. i. 16.

Psa. xix. 4.

Rom. viii. 29.

2 Pet. iii. 10.

be brought to pass the saving which is written, Isa, xxv. 8. "Death is swallowed up into victory." O death, where is thy victory? O death, where Hos. xiii. 14. 56 is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the 57 strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord 58 Jesus Christ! Therefore, my beloved brethren, show yourselves stedfast, unmovable, always 2 Pet. iii. 14. abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. NOW, concerning the collection for the saints. Gal. ii. 10. as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, even 2 so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let each of you lay by, and treasure up, according as he prospereth: that no collections be made 3 when I come. And when I am with you, whom- 2 Cor. viii. 19. soever ye shall approve, them I will send with 4 letters, to take your gift to Jerusalem. And if it be meet that I also go, they shall go with me. But I shall come to you when I have passed 2 Cor. i. 16. through Macedonia; for I intend to pass through 6 it. And it may be that I shall abide, or even winter with you, that ye may bring me on my 7 journey whithersoever I may go. For I would not see you merely in passing through; for I hope to tarry with you for a while, if the Lord 8 permit. But I shall tarry at Ephesus until Peno tecost. For a great and effectual door is opened Rev. iii. 8. to me, and there are many adversaries. Now if Timothy come, see that he be among you without fear; for he worketh the work of it the Lord, as I also do. Therefore let no one despise him: but conduct him forward in peace, 3 John 6. that he may come to me; for I look for him with 12 the brethren. As touching our brother Apollos, I urged him greatly to go to you with the brethren, but his desire was not at all to go now; howbeit he will come to you when he hath a convenient time. f Pet. v. 8.
2 Thess. ii. 15.
1 Cor. xiv. 20 Be wakeful, stand fast in the faith, quit you

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in love.

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all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who

are in any trouble, through the comfort where-5 with we ourselves are comforted by God. For, as the sufferings of Christ abound towards us, Col. i. 24. so our comfort also aboundeth through Christ.

6 But whether we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; or whether we are comforted, it is for your consolation, which worketh in the patient enduring of the same sufferings

7 which we also suffer. And our hope in your Rom. viii. 17. behalf is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so ye will be also of the consolation.

We would not have you ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to pass in Asia, that Acts xix. 23. we were exceedingly pressed, above our strength,

9 insomuch that we despaired even of life; yea, we ourselves had in ourselves the sentence of death, that we might trust not in ourselves but in God

10 who raiseth the dead; who delivered us from so 2 Pet. ii. 8. great a death, and will deliver; in whom we trust

11 that He will yet deliver us, ye also working together for us by your supplication, that for the gift obtained for us by many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of <sup>1</sup> Cor. ii. 4. our conscience, that in holiness and God-given

Phil. iv. 1.

sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly towards you. For we write 13 no other things to you than those which ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye will acknowledge them even to the end; as also ye acknowledged us in part, that we are your glorying, even as ye also will be ours in the day of our Lord Jesus. And in this confidence I was minded to come 15

2 Cor. x. 2.

Mark i. 1.

to you before, that ye might have a second benefit and through you to pass into Macedonia; 16 and to come back from Macedonia to you, and by you to be set forward on my way towards Judæa. When therefore I was thus minded, did 17 I show levity? or the things which I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yea yea, and Nay nay? But as 18 God is faithful, our message to you is not Yea and Nav. For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, 19 who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timothy, did not prove to be Yea and Nay; but in him Yea has come to pass. For all the promises of God have their Yea in 20 him; wherefore also through him is the Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who 21 establisheth us with you in Christ and anointed us, is GoD; who also sealed us, and gave the 22 earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Eph. i. 13.

BUT unto my soul I call God as a witness 23 that, to spare you, I came not again to Corinth. Not that we exercise lordship over your faith, 24 but we are helpers of your joy; for by faith ye stand. But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I grieve you, who is there to make me glad, but he who is grieved by me? And I 3 wrote this very thing, lest when I came, I should have sorrow from those on whose account I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the more abundant love which I have for you.

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1 Cor. xi. 2.

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5 But if any one hath caused grief, he hath Gal. iv. 12. caused it, not to me, but in part (that I press

6 not too heavily) to you all. Sufficient to such a one is the punishment inflicted by the many.

7 So that on the contrary ye ought rather to forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up by his over-

8 much grief. Wherefore I beseech you to assure 9 him of your love. For to this end also I wrote, that I might prove you, whether ye are obedient

10 in all things. But whom ye forgive in any 2 Cor. vii. 15. thing, I also forgive; for if I have forgiven any thing, I have forgiven it for your sakes, in the 11 presence of Christ; lest Satan should get an ad-

range over us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Now, when I went to Troas to preach the Acts. xvi. 8.
gospel of Christ, not a door was opened unto me
13 by the Lord; I had no ease in my spirit, because
I found not my brother Titus; but, taking my
leave of them. I went thence into Macedonia.

14 BUT thanks be to God, who always leadeth Rom. viii. 37. us in triumph in Christ, and through us maketh manifest in every place the savour of the know-

15 ledge of him. For we are to God a sweet savour of Christ, in those who are being saved, and in John ix. 39.

16 those who are perishing; to the one we are a savour from death unto death; and to the other a savour from life unto life. And who is sufficient

17 for these things? For we do not, as the many, make a base traffic of the word of God; but as from sincerity, but as from God in the sight of God, we speak in Christ.

3 1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? 2 Cor. v. 12. or need we, as some may, epistles of commendation to you or from you?

YE are our epistle, written in our hearts,
known and read by all men; manifestly declared to be an epistle of Christ; an epistle set forth through us, written, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God; not on tablets of stone, Ex. xxiv. 12.

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  4 all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, through the comfort where-
  - 5 with we ourselves are comforted by God. For, as the sufferings of Christ abound towards us, Col. i. 24. so our comfort also aboundeth through Christ.
  - 6 But whether we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; or whether we are comforted, it is for your consolation, which worketh in the patient enduring of the same sufferings
  - 7 which we also suffer. And our hope in your Rom. viii. 17. behalf is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so ye will be also of the consolation.
  - 8 We would not have you ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to pass in Asia, that Acts xix. 23. we were exceedingly pressed, above our strength,
  - 9 insomuch that we despaired even of life; yea, we ourselves had in ourselves the sentence of death, that we might trust not in ourselves but in God
  - 10 who raiseth the dead; who delivered us from so 2 Pet. ii. 8. great a death, and will deliver; in whom we trust
  - rr that He will yet deliver us, ye also working together for us by your supplication, that for the gift obtained for us by many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf.
  - For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of 1 Cor. ii. 4. our conscience, that in holiness and God-given

Phil. iv. 1.

sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly towards you. For we write 13 no other things to you than those which ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye will acknowledge them even to the end; as also ye acknowledge due in part, that we are your glorying, even as ye also will be ours in the day of our Lord Jesus.

And in this confidence I was minded to come 15 to you before, that ye might have a second benefit and through you to pass into Macedonia; 16 and to come back from Macedonia to you, and by you to be set forward on my way towards Judæa. When therefore I was thus minded, did 17 I show levity? or the things which I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yea yea, and Nay nay? But as 18 God is faithful, our message to you is not Yea and Nay. For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, 10 who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timothy, did not prove to be Yea and Nay; but in him Yea has come to pass. For all the promises of God have their Yea in 20 him; wherefore also through him is the Amen. to the glory of God through us. Now He who 21

Eph. i. 13.

2 Cor. x. 2.

Mark i. 1.

BUT unto my soul I call God as a witness 23 that, to spare you, I came not again to Corinth.

Not that we exercise lordship over your faith, 24 but we are helpers of your joy; for by faith ye stand. But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I grieve you, who is there to make me 2 glad, but he who is grieved by me? And I 3 wrote this very thing, lest when I came, I should have sorrow from those on whose account I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the more abundant love which I have for you.

establisheth us with you in Christ and anointed us, is God; who also sealed us, and gave the 22

earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

2 Cor. i. 23.

1 Cor. xi. 2.

5 But if any one hath caused grief, he hath Gal. iv. 12. caused it, not to me, but in part (that I press

6 not too heavily) to you all. Sufficient to such a one is the punishment inflicted by the many.

7 So that on the contrary ye ought rather to forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up by his over-

8 much grief. Wherefore I beseech you to assure a him of your love. For to this end also I wrote.

9 him of your love. For to this end also I wrote, that I might prove you, whether ye are obedient

10 in all things. But whom ye forgive in any 2 Cor. vii. 15. thing, I also forgive; for if I have forgiven any thing, I have forgiven it for your sakes, in the 11 presence of Christ; lest Satan should get an ad-

vantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Now, when I went to Troas to preach the Acts. xvi. 8,

gospel of Christ, not a door was opened unto me
13 by the Lord; I had no ease in my spirit, because
I found not my brother Titus; but, taking my
leave of them, I went thence into Macedonia.

BUT thanks be to God, who always leadeth Rom. viii. 37. us in triumph in Christ, and through us maketh manifest in every place the savour of the know-

15 ledge of him. For we are to God a sweet savour of Christ, in those who are being saved, and in John ix. 30.

16 those who are perishing; to the one we are a savour from death unto death; and to the other a savour from life unto life. And who is sufficient

17 for these things? For we do not, as the many, make a base traffic of the word of GoD; but as from sincerity, but as from GoD in the sight of GoD, we speak in Christ.

- 3 1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? 2 Cor. v. 12. or need we, as some may, epistles of commendation to you or from you?
  - YE are our epistle, written in our hearts,
    known and read by all men; manifestly declared to be an epistle of Christ; an epistle set forth through us, written, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God; not on tablets of stone, Ex. xxiv. 12.
    but on hearts, even tablets of flesh. And such

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Matt. xxvi. 28.

confidence we have through Christ towards God: not that of ourselves we are sufficient to reckon anything as coming from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from GoD; who also made us efficient ministers of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth.

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but the spirit giveth life.

Now, if the ministry of death, which was engraven in letters, on stones, came with glory, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look upon the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance (which glory was being done away); how much rather will the ministry of the Spirit be with glory? For if the ministry of condemnation is glorious, much more doth the ministry of righteousness excel in glory. For 10 indeed that which was made glorious hath no glory in this respect, namely, by reason of the glory which exceedeth. For if that which is 11 being done away came with glory, much more that which abideth is encircled with glory.

Rom. v. 20.

Ex. xxxiv. 33.

Rom. xi. 7.

Isa. xxv. 7.

2 Cor. ii. 17.

Having therefore such a hope, we speak with 12 great freedom; not doing as did Moses, who put 13 a veil over his face that the children of Israel might not gaze upon the end of that which was being done away; but their minds were hard- 14 ened; for until this day there remaineth the same veil at the public reading of the old covenant, as it is not revealed that it is done away in Christ (a). But unto this day, whensoever 15 Moses is read, a veil lieth upon their heart. Nevertheless whensoever it shall turn to the 16 Lord, the veil is taken away.

Now, the Lord is the Spirit; and where the 17 Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we 18 all, with unveiled face receiving as on a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the

Lord the Spirit. WHEREFORE having this ministry, according as we obtained mercy, we faint not; but have

renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor corrupting the word

(a) Or the same veil unlifted: which weil is taken away in Christ.

of God; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's con-

3 science in the sight of God. But if our gospel is John xii. 31. 4 veiled, it is veiled in those who are perishing; in whom the god of this age hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should

5 shine forth. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves as your 6 servants for Jesus' sake. For God who said, Gen. i. 3.

"Out of darkness light shall shine," shone in our hearts, to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

BUT we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may 2 Cor. vii. 5.

8 be God's, and not from ourselves. We are pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are 9 perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but

not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed: 10 always bearing about in the body the dying of Gal, vi. 17.

Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be made 11 manifest in our body. For we who are living

are continually being delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be 12 made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

But having the same spirit of faith, according Psa. cxvi. 10. 13 as it is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke,"-we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will

raise us also with Jesus, and will present us, to-15 gether with you. For all things are for your 1 Cor. iii. 21. sakes, that the grace being increased may abound to the glory of Gop, on account of the 16 thanksgiving of the many. Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is per-

ishing, yet our inward man is being renewed day 17 by day. For the light affliction, which is but Rom, viii, 18. for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceed-

18 ing and eternal weight of glory; since we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are only for a while; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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Job. iv. 10.

1 Cor. xv. 53.

Rom. viii. 24.

Eph. vi. 8.

Heb. x. 31.

FOR we know that though our earthly house of this tabernacle perish, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in heaven. For truly in this tabernacle we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we who are in the tabernacle groan. being burdened, for we would be not unclothed but clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now He who wrought us for this self-same

thing is God, who gave us the earnest of the Spirit. Wherefore we are always of good courage, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord; (for we walk by faith, not by sight;) yea, we are of good courage, and well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the

Lord.

Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether o at home or absent, to be acceptable to him. For 10 we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each may be requited for the things done in the body, according to what he did, whether good or bad.

Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we II persuade men; but we are made manifest to God, and I trust are made manifest in your consciences also. We commend not ourselves again 12 to you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have something wherewith to answer those who glory in appearance, and not in heart. For whether we were beside our- 13 selves, it was for GoD; or whether we are soberminded, it is for you.

For the love of Christ constraineth us: we 14 judging thus: One died for all, so that they all 15 died; and he died for all, that those who live should live no longer unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and was raised. Wherefore henceforth we know no one according 16 to the flesh; yea, though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. Therefore if any one is in Christ, 17

Can. viii. 6.

Isa, xliii, 18.

there is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

And all things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the 10 ministry of reconciliation; namely, that God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and hath committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Therefore we are ambassadors on Christ's be- Job xxxiii. 23. half, as if God were beseeching you through us: we, on behalf of Christ, entreat you, Become

21 reconciled to Gop. Him who knew not sin Gop made to be sin on our behalf, that we might become in him the righteousness of God.

6 AND we, working together with him, beseech Isa, xlix, 8, you that we receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 For He saith,

"I heard thee in an acceptable time.

And in a day of salvation I succoured thee." Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give offence in nothing, so that the min- 1 Cor. x. 32. 4 istry may not be blamed; but in all things we approve ourselves as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in dis-

5 tresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults. 6 in labours, in watchings, in fastings; in purity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in a

7 holy spirit, in love unfeigned, in the word of 2 Cor. iv. 2. truth, in the power of God, through the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,

8 through glory and dishonour, through evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; John vii. 12. 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and

10 behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things.

O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, 2 Cor. vii. 3. 12 our heart is enlarged. Ye are not restricted in us, but ye are restricted in your own affections.

13 Now, for a recompense in like kind, (I speak as to my children.) be ye also enlarged.

Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers; for Deut. vii. 2.

Lev. xxvi. 11.

what fellowship hath righteousness with lawlessness? Or what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with 15 Belial? or what part hath a believer with an unbeliever? and what agreement hath a sanctuary 16 of God with idols? for we are a sanctuary of the living God; as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Wherefore, "Come 17 out from among them, and be ye separate, (saith the Lord,) and touch not the unclean thing"; and "I will receive you and will be a Father to you, and ye shall be My sons and 18 daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Jer. xxxi. 9. 2 Sam. vii. 14.

Isa. lii. 11.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all pollution of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of Gop.

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RECEIVE us; we wronged no one, we injured no one, we defrauded no one. I speak not this to condemn you; for I have said before. that ye are in our hearts to die with and to live Great is my freedom of speech towards you, great is my glorying in you; I am filled with comfort, I exceedingly abound in joy under all our tribulation. For, when we had gone to Macedonia, our flesh had no ease; we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless, God, who comforteth those who are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; and not by his coming only, but by the comfort wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest longing, your mourning, your fervent mind towards me; so that I rejoiced the more.

2 Cor. ii. 13.

For, though I grieved you by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it, for I perceive that the letter grieved you, but only for a season. Now I rejoice, not that ye were grieved, but that ye grieved unto repentance; for ye were grieved in a godly manner, so that ye might receive no loss at our hands. For godly sorrow roworketh unto salvation a repentance which

Jer. xxxi. 9.

II worketh out death. For, behold, this very fact that ve were grieved in a godly manner. what earnestness it wrought in you! yea, what clearing of yourselves! yea, what indignation! Titus iii. 8. yea, what fear! yea, what vehement longing! yea, what zeal! yea, what vindication! In all things ye approved yourselves to be pure in the

12 matter. Wherefore, though I wrote to you. I did it not for the sake of him who did the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered the 2 Cor. ii. 4. wrong, but that your earnestness in our behalf might be made manifest to yourselves in the sight of God.

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Therefore we have been comforted; and, besides our own comfort, we rejoiced the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. For if I Rom. xv. 32. 14 have gloried in anything to him on your behalf,

I have not been shamed; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our glorying be-15 fore Titus is found to be truth. And his inward affection is more abundantly turned towards you, while he calleth to mind the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received

16 him. I rejoice that in every thing I have 2 Thess iii. 4. confidence in you.

MOREOVER, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God vouchsafed in the churches 2 of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their Mark xii. 44. deep poverty abounded to the riches of their 3 liberality. For I bear testimony that to their

power, yea and beyond their power, they were 4 willing of themselves; asking of us with much entreaty the grace, even the fellowship in the Acts xi, 20.

5 ministration to the saints. And this they did, not merely as we hoped; but first they gave their own selves to the Lord and to us by the will of 6 GoD; insomuch that we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete towards

you this grace also.

But as ye abound in everything, in faith and 1 Cor. i. 5. utterance and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in our love to you, see that ye abound in

this grace also. I speak not by way of commandment, but to prove, by the earnestness of r Cor. vii. 6. others, the sincerity of your love also. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that being rich, he for your sakes became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich. And herein I give an opinion; for this is ex- 10 pedient for you, who were the first to make a 1 Tim. vi. 10. beginning a year ago, not only to do, but also to will. But also complete now the doing of it; II that as there was the readiness to will, so there may be also the completion out of that which ve have. For if the readiness is there, it is accept- 12 Luke xxi. 3. able according to that which it may have, and not according to that which it hath not. For 13 I mean not that others be eased, and ye burdened; but by an equality, that now at this 14 time your abundance may meet their want, that their abundance also may meet your want; that there may be equality; as it is written, "He who 15 gathered much had nothing over; and he who Ex. xvi. 18. gathered little had no lack. But thanks be to God, who putteth the same 16 earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. For 17 indeed he not only accepted the exhortation; but 2 Cor. viii. 6. being more earnest, of his own accord he departed unto you. And we sent with him the 18 brother whose praise in the gospel is throughout all the churches; and not only so, but he was 19 1 Cor. xvi. 3. also chosen by the churches as our fellowtraveller for this gift, which is administered by us to show the glory of the Lord himself, and our readiness; we taking heed to this, that no one 20 should blame us in the matter of this bounty which is ministered by us; for we study to act 21 Rom. xii. 17. honourably not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. And we sent with 22 them our brother, whom we have many times proved diligent in many matters, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence 1 Tim. i. 18. which he hath in you. As to Titus, he is my 23 partner and fellow-helper concerning you; or as to our brethren, they are the messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. Wherefore 24 of your love, and of our glorying on your 2 Cor. vii. 14. behalf.

For concerning the ministering to the saints,

2 it is superfluous for me to write to you; for I 2 Cor. viii. 4. know your readiness, as to which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was prepared a year ago; and your zeal hath stirred up very 3 many. Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our

boasting of you in this matter should be in vain: 4 that ye may be prepared, as I said ye were; lest haply if any Macedonians go with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should 2 Cor. viii. 24.

5 be put to shame through this confidence. Therefore, I thought it necessary to entreat the brethren that they would go before to you, and make up beforehand your gift which had previously been promised, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not of covetousness.

But as to this, he who soweth sparingly will Psa. xli. 1. reap also sparingly; and he who soweth bounti-

7 fully will reap also bountifully. Let each do Pro. xxii. 8. according as he hath determined in his heart; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth Deut. xv. 10.

8 a cheerful giver. And God is able to make every blessing abound to you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound

o to every good work; as it is written, "He dispersed abroad;

Psa. cxii. o.

He gave to the needy:

His righteousness abideth for ever."

Now He who supplieth seed for the sower and bread for eating, will supply and multiply your sowing, and will increase the fruits of your

11 righteousness, ye being enriched in every thing 2 Cor. i. 11.

to all liberality, which worketh out through us 12 thanksgiving to GoD; for the administration of this service not only fully supplieth the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through many

13 thanksgivings to God; while, through the ex- Matt. v. 16. perience of this ministration, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession unto the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your

14 contribution to them, and to all; and earnestly long after you with supplication for you, on James i. 17.

account of the exceeding grace of God which is upon you. Thanks be to God for His unspeak- 15 able gift.

2 Cor. x. 10.

NOW I Paul myself exhort you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who, to your face, am lowly among you, but being absent am fearless towards you; yea, I beseech you, that I may not, when present, have to show myself fearless with the confidence wherewith I count to be bold, against some who count of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh; for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty for God to the casting down of strongholds; seeing that we cast down imaginations, and every bulwark which is being raised against the knowledge of God, and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ: and are in readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience shall be perfected.

2 Cor. vii. 15.

2 Cor. xiii. 2.

Rom. viii. 13.

Eph. vi. 13.

Ye look on the things which are before your If any one trusts in himself that he is face: Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we. For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord gave for your edification and not for casting you down, I should not be ashamed: I say this, that I may not seem as it were to terrify you by my letters. letters, (it is said,) are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible. Let such a one think this, that, such as we are in word, by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.

2 Cor. iii. 1.

For we dare not judge ourselves, or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves: but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we will not glory of things 13 beyond our measure, but in proportion to the measure of the sphere which Gop allotted to us, a measure to reach even unto you. For we are not stretching ourselves beyond our measure, as

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if we reached not unto you; for we advanced as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of 15 Christ; not glorying beyond our measure in Rom. xv. 20. other men's labours; but having hope that as your faith increaseth, we shall be enlarged abundantly among you in proportion to our 16 sphere, so as to preach the gospel to the regions beyond you, and not to glory of things made

17 ready to our hand in another man's sphere. But, 18 "let him who glorieth, glory in the Lord." For Jer. ix. 24.

not he who commendeth himself is approved, but he whom the Lord commendeth.

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WOULD that ye could bear with me in a little foolishness; but, indeed, ye do bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with a God-given iealousy; for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Lev. xxi. 13. 3 Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds may be corrupted from the sim-4 plicity and purity ye owe to Christ. For if indeed he who cometh preacheth another Jesus Gal. i. 7. whom we preached not; or if ye receive a different spirit, which ye received not; or a different gospel, which ye accepted not, ye may well 5 bear with me. For I reckon that I am in no 6 way behind those pre-eminent apostles. Though I am mean in speech, yet I am not in knowledge; I Cor. i. 17. but in all things we manifested it towards you among all men.

Or did I commit an offence in abasing myself that ye may be exalted, in that I preached to 8 you the gospel of God without charge? I robbed other churches, taking wages from them to do g you service. And when I was present with you, and was in want, I was burdensome to no one: for that which was wanting to me, the brethren Acts xviii. 3. when they came from Macedonia supplied; and in all things I kept and will keep myself from

to being burdensome to you. As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting shall not be cut off II from me in the regions of Achaia. Wherefore?

12 because I love you not? God knoweth. But whatever I do and will do, it is that I may cut

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Gal. ii. 4.

off the occasion from those who desire an occasion; that they, in what they boast, may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, 13 deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder; for Satan 14 fashions himself into an angel of light: therefore 15 it is no great thing if his ministers also fashion themselves into ministers of righteousness: whose end will be according to their works.

I say again, let no one think me a fool; but if 16

2 Cor. xii. 6.

ye do, yet bear with me as with a fool, that I too may boast myself a little. That which I 17 speak, I speak it not according to the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, 18 I also will boast. For ye bear with fools gladly, with it, if a man brings you into bondage, if he

Phil. iii. 3.

seeing that ye yourselves are wise. Ye bear 20 devours you, if he seizes you, if he exalts himself, if he smites you on the face. I speak by way of reproach, as if we had been 21

weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any one is bold

1 Cor. xv. 10. Acts ix. 16. Deut. xxv. 3. Acts xvi. 22. \\\Acts xiv. 19.

(I speak foolishly,) I also am bold. Are they 22 Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. they ministers of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself) I am more; in labours more abundantly. in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. From the lews five 24 times I received forty stripes save one; thrice I 25 was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have spent in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils 26

Acts xiv. 5.

from rivers, in perils from robbers, in perils from my countrymen, in perils from Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in 27 toil and labour, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and naked-

Acts xx. 31. \ 1 Cor. iv. 11. \

ness. Besides those things which I pass by (a), 28 there is the daily pressure upon me, my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am 20

1 Cor. ix. 22.

(a) Or which are without.

not weak? who stumbleth, and I burn not?

- If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things 2 Cor. xii. 5. 31 which concern my infirmity. The God and Gal. i. 3. Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed for ever, knoweth that I lie not.
- In Damascus the governor under Aretas the Acts ix. 24. 32 king kept the city of the Damascenes guarded,
- 33 to take me; and through a window I was let Josh. ii. 15. down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands.
- I MUST glory. It is not indeed expedient, 12 vet I will come to visions and revelations from
  - 2 the Lord. I know a man in Christ, such a one as, more than fourteen years ago, (whether in the body. I know not, or whether out of the body, I know not, God knoweth,) was caught up

3 to the third heaven. And I know such a one, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I

4 know not, God knoweth,) that he was caught Luke xxiii. 43. up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words,

5 which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of

such a one I will glory; but of myself I will not 6 glory, except in my infirmities. For even if I should desire to glory, I should not be a fool. for I should speak the truth; but now, lest any one should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that which he heareth from me, and by reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations, I forbear.

Wherefore, lest I should be exalted above measure, there was given to me a thorn for the Eze. xxviii. 24. flesh, (a messenger of Satan,) to buffet me, lest

8 I should be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that

o it might depart from me. And he hath said to me, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my infirmities, that the strength of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore for Christ's sake I take pleasure in in- 1 Pet. iv. 14. firmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions and distresses; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

I have become a fool; ye compelled me to it; for I ought to have been commended by you, 369

2 Cor. xi. 5.

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for in nothing was I behind the very chief apostles, though I am nothing. Truly the signs 12 of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, by signs, and wonders, and mighty works. For, what was it wherein ye were made 13 inferior to the other churches, unless it was that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

Lo, this third time I am ready to come to you; 14 and I will not be burdensome, for I seek not yours, but you; for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. And I will most gladly spend, and be 15 wholly spent, for your souls. If I love you

more abundantly, am I loved the less?

But be it so, that I myself burdened you not; 16 nevertheless being crafty, I caught you with guile. Did I make a gain of you by any one of those 17 whom I have sent to you? I exhorted Titus, 18 and with him I sent the brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? yea, in the same steps?

All this time ye are thinking that we are 19 excusing ourselves to you. We speak before God in Christ, but all things, dearly beloved, are for your edifying. For I fear that, when I 20 come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found by you such as ye would not; that there will be strife, envying, wraths, intrigues, slanderings, whisperings, conceits, tumults; and that, when I come, my GoD will 21 humble me again before you, and that I may have to bewail many of those who have sinned already and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which

2 Cor. xiii. 2.

they committed.

2 Cor. ii. 1.

2 Cor. viii. 6.

2 Cor. v. 12.

1 Cor. v. 1.

Deut. xix. 13.

1 Cor. ix. 2.

THIS is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. I have forewarned. and, as when I was present the second time, so in my absence I now forewarn those who heretofore have sinned, and all others, that if I come again, I will not spare, since ye seek a proof of Christ's speaking by me; for he is not weak

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4 towards you, but is powerful among you. For he was even crucified through weakness, yet he liveth through the power of God. For we also are weak in him, yet we shall live with him through the power of God towards vou.

Try yourselves whether ye are in the faith; 1 Cor. xi. 28. prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to

your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? un-6 less indeed ye are reprobate. But I trust that

7 ye will know that we are not reprobate. Now we pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we would appear approved, but that ye may do that which is honourable, though we be as if repro-8 bate. For we can do nothing against the truth, Pro. xxi. 30.

9 but for the truth. For we rejoice whenever we

are weak, and ye are strong; and for this we 10 pray, even your perfecting. Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not

FINALLY, brethren, farewell. Be perfected, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Rom. xii. 16. 12, 13 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the

for casting down.

saints salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Rom. xvi. 24. love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### THE EPISTLE TO THE

## **GALATIANS**

Acts	ix.	6.
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PAUL, an apostle (not from men, neither through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised him from the dead), and all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia.—

John x. 17.

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father; and from the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father; to whom be glory

for ever. Amen.

2 Cor. xi. 4.

Deut. iv. 2.

I marvel that ye are so soon falling away from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, falling away unto a different gospel—which is no new gospel; only there are some who trouble you and would negwer the gospel of Christ. But if gran

would pervert the gospel of Christ. But if even we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you any other gospel than that which we preached to you, let such be accursed. As we have said before, so I say now again, If any one preach to you any other gospel than that which

ye received, let him be accursed. For am I now ro conciliating men, or God? or do I seek to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I should not

be the servant of Christ.

For I make known to you, brethren, that the 11 gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For neither did I receive it from 12 man, nor was I taught it, except by revelation from Jesus Christ. For ye have heard of my manner of life in time past in the Jews' religion (a), how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and made havoc of it; and advanced in the Jews' religion (a) above 14

Eph. iii. 3.

(a) Gr. Judaism.

many of my own age in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of Acts xxii, 3, 15 my fathers. But when He—who, from my mother's womb, set me apart and called me by

16 His grace—was pleased to reveal His Son in me 2 Cor. iv. 6. that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately I consulted not with flesh and

17 blood; neither went I up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away into Arabia, and afterwards returned to Damas-

18 cus. Then after three years I went up to Jeru- Acts ix. 26. salem to visit Cephas (a); and I abode with him

10 fifteen days. But I saw no other of the apostles. 20 but only James, the Lord's brother. Now, of the things which I write to you, behold, before 21 God I lie not. Afterwards I went into the re-

22 gions of Syria and Cilicia; and was unknown by face to the churches of Judæa which are in

23 Christ; they had heard only, that "he who per- Acts ix. 30. secuted us in times past now preacheth the faith

24 of which once he made havoc." And they

glorified Gop in me.

Then, after fourteen years, I again went up Acts xv. 2. to Jerusalem, with Barnabas, taking Titus also 2 with me. And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles; but privately, to those who were of repute, lest by any means I Phil. ii. 16. 3 should run or had run in vain. But not even

Titus who was with me, though a Greek, was 4 compelled to be circumcised; and this because of the false brethren privily brought in; for they Acts xv. 1.

came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us 5 into bondage. But to them—that the truth of the gospel might continue with you-we, even

6 for an hour, yielded not submission. But from Deut. x. 17. those who were counted to be somewhat. (whatsoever they were, it maketh no difference to me: God accepteth no man's person;)—I say that those who were so counted imparted nothing to 7 me; but on the contrary, when they saw that

the gospel of the Uncircumcision was committed to me, as that of the Circumcision was to Peter;

(a) i.e. Peter.

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Matt. xvi. 18.

(for he who wrought effectually for Peter to the apostleship of the Circumcision, the same wrought also for me towards the Gentiles): and when James, Cephas, and John, who were counted as pillars, perceived the grace bestowed upon me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, that we might go to the Gentiles, and they to the Circumcision. Only 10 they desired that we should remember the poor; which very thing I also was zealous to do.

Acts xi. 30.

Acts xi. 3.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I with- 11 stood him to his face, because he was selfcondemned. For until certain persons came from 12 James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they had come, he began to withdraw and to separate himself, fearing those who were of the Circumcision. And the rest of the Jews 13 likewise dissembled with him, insomuch that even Barnabas was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked 14 not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, If thou, who art a Jew, livest as the Gentiles live and

Gal. ii. 5.

not as the Jews do, how is it that thou compellest the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? We 15 who are by nature Jews, and not sinners from among the Gentiles—yet knowing that a man 16

is not justified by works of law but only through

faith in Christ Jesus—even we believed on Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith

Psa cxliii. 2. i :.

> in Christ, and not by works of law; for by works of law no flesh will be justified. But if, while 17 seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is therefore Christ a minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build up 18 again the things which I pulled down, I prove

ı John iii. o.

myself a transgressor. For I through law died 19 unto law, that I might live to God. I have been 20 crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which

I Thess. v. 10.

I now live in the flesh I live in faith, faith in the Son of Gop, in him who loved me and gave himself up for me. I do not make void the grace of 21 God; for if righteousness comes through law, then Christ died in vain.

O THOUGHTLESS (a) Galatians, who be- Matt. vii. 26. witched you, you before whose eyes Jesus Christ was shewn forth as crucified?

This only I would learn from you, Received ye the spirit by works of law? Or by the hear-

3 ing of faith? Are ye so thoughtless? Having begun in the Spirit, do ye now finish in the flesh?

4 Did ve suffer so many things in vain?—if it be Gal iv. o. 5 indeed in vain. He therefore who ministereth to you the Spirit, and doeth mighty works

among you,—is it by works of law, or by the 6 hearing of faith? Even as "Abraham believed Gen. xv. 6. God, and it was reckoned unto him as righteous-

7 ness." Ye perceive therefore that those who take their stand upon faith, the same are children

8 of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that 1 Gen. xii. 3. God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached 1 Gen. xxii. 18. the gospel beforehand unto Abraham, saying,

o "In thee shall all the nations be blessed." So then those who take their stand upon faith are

blessed with faithful Abraham.

For as many as take their stand upon works Deut, xxvii. 26. of law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is every one who continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the Law. II to do them." And that no one is justified by

the Law in the sight of God, is evident; for,

12 "The righteous shall live by faith." Now the
Law takes not its stand upon faith; but, "He wini. 38.

13 who doeth them shall live in them." Christ re- Lev. xviii. 5.

deemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us; (for it is written, "Cursed Deut. xxi. 23.

14 is every one who is hanged on a tree";) that the blessing on Abraham may in Jesus Christ come on the Gentiles; that we, through faith, may receive the promise of the Spirit.

Brethren, I speak after the manner of men: Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no one annulleth it, or addeth new

16 conditions. Now, to Abraham and his seed were Gen. xxii. 18. the promises spoken. He saith not, "And to seeds," as of many; but "And to thy seed," as of

17 one, which is Christ. And this I say: A cove- Ex. xii. 40.

(a) Or senseless.

nant which was confirmed before by God, the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years after, doth not annul, to make the promise of no effect. For, if the inheritance comes by law, it 18 is no longer by promise; but God hath granted it to Abraham through a promise.

What then is the Law?

It was added because of transgressions, till the seed to whom the promise was made should come; and it was administered through angels by the hand of a mediator. But, for one, a 20 mediator is not needed; now, God is but one.

Is the Law then against the promises of God? 21 God forbid; for, if there had been a law given which could impart life, verily righteousness would have been by the Law. But the Scripture shut up all things under sin, that the promise, by faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we 23 were kept in ward under the Law, shut up unto the faith which was afterwards to be revealed. So that the Law has been our tutor unto Christ. 24

that we may be justified by faith. But faith 25 having come, we are no longer under the tutor. For in Christ Jesus ye all are sons of God through 26 your faith; for as many of you as were baptized 27

into Christ, did put on Christ. There can be 28 neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female; for ye all are one in Christ Jesus. And if ye are Christ's, then ye 29 are Abraham's seed, heirs according to the

promise.

But I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth in nothing from a servant, though he is master over all; but is under governors and stewards until the time appointed by his father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world; but

when the fulness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, that he might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And inasmuch as ye are sons, God sent forth into our hearts the Spirit of His Son, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no

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Rom. viii. 15.

Acts vii. 53.

Deut. vi. 4.

Rom. iii. o.

John i. 12.

Col. iii. 11.

Gal. iii. 7.

longer a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

NOW, at that time, when ye knew not God, ve served those who by nature are not gods.

o But now, that ye know God, or rather, are known by God, how is it ye are turning back to the weak and beggarly elements whereunto ye

to desire to be again in bondage? Ye are observ-II ing days and months, and seasons and years. I fear for you, lest by any means I have bestowed

labour upon you in vain.

Brethren, I beseech you, become as I am; for I became as ye are. Ye did not injure me at all. 1 Cor. ii. 3.

13 But ye know that the first time I preached the Acts xvi. 6. gospel to you because of an infirmity of the

14 flesh. And that which was a trial to you in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but ye re- 2 Sam. xix. 27. ceived me as an angel of God, yea, even as

15 Christ Iesus. Where then is your congratulation? for I bear you record that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your eyes

16 and given them to me. So then have I become 17 your enemy, because I tell you the truth? They zealously seek you, but not honourably; yea,

they would exclude you, that ye might seek Rom. x. 2. them. But in a good cause, it is good to be 18 them. zealously sought always, and not only when I 19 am present with you, my children, with whom

I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in 20 you. But I could have wished to be present with you now, and to change my tone; for I am perplexed about you.

TELL me, ye who would be under the Law, 2 I 22 do ye not hear the Law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, the one by the bond-

23 woman, the other by the freewoman. But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh; the son by the freewoman was born

24 by virtue of the promise. And these things may be read as an allegory: For, the women are two covenants—one from mount Sinai, bearing

25 children unto bondage; this is Hagar; now Hagar stands for mount Sinai in Arabia, and

Gen. xxi. 2. Gen. xxi. 9. Gen. xvi. 15.

answers to the Jerusalem which now is, for she is in bondage with her children. But the Jeru- 26 Heb. xii. 22. salem which is above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written. Isa. liv. 1. 27 "Rejoice, thou barren, who bearest not; Break forth and cry, thou who travailest not; For the desolate hath many more children Than she who hath a husband." Now ye, brethren, according to the manner 28 Gal. iii. 29. of Isaac, are children of promise. But, as at 20 that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. But what saith 30 the Scripture? "Cast out the bondwoman and Gen. xxi. 10. her son; for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So 31 then, brethren, we are children not of a bondwoman, but of the free. CHRIST set us free, unto freedom; stand fast, -5 Eph. vi. 14. therefore, and submit not yourselves again to a voke of bondage. BEHOLD, I Paul say to you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole Law. All ye who seek your justification in the Rom. ix. 31. Law, are parted from Christ; ye have fallen from grace. For we by the Spirit, from faith, are awaiting the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision, but only faith working through love, is of any avail. Ye were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion cometh not from him who calleth you. A little leaven Matt. xiii. 33. leaveneth the whole lump. I have confidence to towards you in the Lord, that ye will not be otherwise minded; but he who troubleth you will have to bear his judgment, whoever he may be. And I, brethren, why am I still persecuted, if I II Gal. vi. 12. am still preaching circumcision? In that case, the cross, their stumbling-stone, has been done away. I would that those who unsettle you 12

would even cut themselves off.

For, brethren, ye were called unto liberty: only use not this liberty for an occasion to the

14 flesh, but serve each other through love. For all the Law is fulfilled in one sentence, even in Lev. xix. 18. this: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy-

15 self." But if ye bite and devour each other, take heed that ve be not consumed one of an-

other.

This I say then: Walk by the Spirit (a), and

17 ve will not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the Rom. vii. 21. flesh eagerly opposes the Spirit, and the Spirit the flesh; for these are hostile to each other, that ye may not do the things which ye would.

18 But if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under

10 the Law. Now, the works of the flesh are mani- Matt. xv. 10. fest; and they are these: Fornication, unclean-20 ness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, ha-

treds, variance, emulation, wraths, factions, 21 seditions, heresies, envyings, drunkenness, revel-

lings, and the like; as to which I forewarn you, as I have already forewarned you, that those who practise such things will not inherit the

22 kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is Eph. v. o. love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, good-

23 ness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control; not to

24 restrain such things does law exist. And those who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh

25 with its passions and lusts. If we live by the Rom. viii. 4. 26 Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us

not become vainglorious, provoking each other. envying each other.

BRETHREN, even if a man be overtaken in 6 any transgression, such a one, ye who are spiritual, in a spirit of meekess restore, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one Rom. xv. 1.

another's burdens, and so ye will fulfil the law of Christ.

For if any one, when he is nothing, thinks himself to be something, he is deceiving himself.

4 But let every one test his own work, and then he will have his own ground for boasting, looking

hold of faith.

Prov. xiv. 14.	to himself only and not to his neighbour. For	- 5
	every one will have his own load to bear.	
	Let him who is taught in the word communi-	6
	cate in all good things unto him who teacheth.	
	Be not deceived; GoD is not mocked; for,	7
	whatsoever a man soweth that will he also reap.	
Job iv. 8.	For he who soweth to his flesh, will of the flesh	8
	reap corruption; but he who soweth to the	
	Spirit will of the Spirit reap life everlasting.	
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	season we shall reap, if we faint not. Therefore,	10
Ecc. ix. 10.	as we may have opportunity, let us do good to	
	all, but especially to those who are of the house-	

2 Cor. xii. 7. Phil. iii. 3. SEE in what large characters I have written 11 to you with my own hand. As many as desire 12 to make a fair show in the flesh, would compel you to be circumcised, but it is only lest ye should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not 13 keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh.

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the 14

Gal. ii. 20.

cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, while I am crucified to the world. For neither circum- 15 cision nor uncircumcision, but only a new creation, is of any moment. And as many as walk 16 by this rule, peace and mercy be on them, even

2 Cor. v. 17.

upon the Israel of God.

Henceforth let no one trouble me; for I bear 17 in my body the marks of Jesus.

Psa. cxxv. 5.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be 18 with your spirit. Amen.

2 Tim. iv. 22.

#### THE EPISTLE TO THE

### **EPHESIANS**

1 PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will

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- of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus (a) Rom. i. 7. 2 and are faithful in Christ Jesus. Grace and peace be to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; He who blessed us with all spiritual 4 blessings in the heavenly places in Christ; according as He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and Luke i. 75. 5 without spot in his sight; having predestined us in love to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ 6 to Himself, according to the good pleasure of 1 Pet. ii. 9. His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He bestowed graciously on us in the Be-7 loved; in whom we have our redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins, accord-8 ing to the riches of GoD's grace; wherein He abounded towards us in all wisdom and pruo dence, in making known to us the mystery of
  - into one in Christ all things, the things in heaven
    and the things on earth; even in him, in whom
    also we obtained an inheritance, having been Acts xx. 22.
    predestined according to the purpose of Him
    who worketh all things according to the counsel
    of His own will; that we should be to the praise

His will, according to His good pleasure which 2 Tim. i. 9.

of His glory, we who before had hoped in Christ.

13 In whom ye also, having heard the word of Rom. x. 17.

10 He purposed in him; with a view to the dispensation of the fulness of the seasons, to gather

13 In whom ye also, having heard the word of Rom. x. 17 truth, the gospel of your salvation, and having believed in him, were sealed with the Holy

<sup>(</sup>a) The two most ancient MSS., the Codex Sinaiticus and the Codex Vaticanus, omit "in Ephesus."

2 Cor. v. 5.

Spirit of promise, who is the earnest of our inheritance unto the redemption of the purchased

possession, to the praise of His glory.

Wherefore I also, having heard of your faith 15 in the Lord Jesus and your love to all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, that the God of our 17 Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Himself: so that the eyes of your 18

knowledge of Himself; so that, the eyes of your 18 heart being enlightened, ye may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what His exceedingly mighty power towards us who believe according to that working of the

who believe, according to that working of the strength of His might, which He hath wrought in Christ, in raising him from the dead, and setting him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above every principality and power, 21 and might and dominion, and every name which is named, not only in this age, but also in that

which is to come; and He put all things in subjection under his feet; and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, 23

the fulness of him who filleth all with all.

AND GOD made alive you who were dead through your trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this age, according to the prince of the power of

the air, the spirit which now worketh in the children of disobedience; among whom also we all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the inclinations of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest:—God, I say, being rich in mercy, because of His great love wherewith He loved us, made us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, alive together with Christ—by grace ye have been saved—and raised us together, and

seated us together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in lovingkindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by

grace ye were saved through faith; and that not of yourselves—it is the gift of Goo—not of

John xx. 17.

Acts ii. 24.

Psa. viii. 6.

Eph. ii. 5.

1 Pet. iv. 3.

John v. 24. Rom, iii, 24.

Rom. iv. 16.

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10 works, lest any one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto Eph. i. 4. good works, which Gop prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- WHEREFORE remember that once ye, the Gentiles in the flesh-called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision, made by hands
- 12 in the flesh—that ye were at that time without Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope, and without God (a),
- 13 in the world; but now in Christ Jesus ye, who at Heb. ix. 12. one time were afar off, have been brought nigh
- 14 by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one, and broke down the middle-
- 15 wall of partition, having in his flesh put an end Col. ii. 14. to the enmity, even the law of commandments in ordinances; that he might create in himself,
- 16 of the two, one new man, so making peace; and might reconcile both unto God in one body through the cross, having slain thereby the Isa. lvii. 19.

17 enmity; and he came and preached glad tidings of peace to you who were afar off, and peace to

- 18 those who were nigh. For through him we both Heb. xii. 22. have our introduction by one Spirit to the Father.
- Now therefore ye are no longer strangers and sojourners, but are fellow-citizens with the
- 20 saints, and of the household of God; being built 1 Cor. iii. 0. upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner-
- 21 stone; in whom fitly framed together, each building groweth unto a sanctuary holy in the

- 22 Lord; in whom ye also are being built together, 1 Pet. ii. 4. in the Spirit, for a habitation of God.
- FOR this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus 2 Christ for you Gentiles;—if indeed ye have heard Rom. xii. 3. of the dispensation of the grace of God which is 3 given me towards you; how that by revelation
  - 4 was made known to me the mystery (b); as I have already written briefly, whereby when ye

<sup>(</sup>a) Lit. atheists.
(b) Or hidden counsel, or secret truth (so elsewhere).

Matt. xiii. 17.

read ve may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the children of men, as it now hath been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body. and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel; whereof I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God bestowed on me according to the working of His power.

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Eph. i. 10.

To me who am less than the least of all saints was this grace given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to enlighten them as to the dispensation of the mystery which, throughout the ages, has been hidden in God who created all things; to the in- 10 tent that now through the church the manifold wisdom of God might be made known to the principalities and rulers in the heavenly places. according to the eternal purpose which He pur- 11 posed in Christ Jesus our Lord; in whom we 12 have our freedom and our introduction with confidence, through our faith in him.

Heb. iv. 16.

Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my 13 tribulations for you, which are your glory.

Phil. iv. 10.

For this cause I bow my knees to the Father, 14 from whom every family (a) in heaven and on 15 earth is named, that He would grant you, ac- 16 cording to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; 17 that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may 18 be able to comprehend with all saints what are the breadth, and length, and height, and depth, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth 19 knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

Now, to Him who is able to do in exceeding 20 abundance above all that we ask or think, according to the power which worketh in us, to 21 Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations, for ever.

(a) Or race.

I THEREFORE, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthily of the calling

2 wherewith ve were called, with all lowliness and Matt xi. 20. meekness, with longsuffering, bearing with one

3 another in love; earnestly seeking to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. One 4 body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one

5 hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one 6 baptism; one God and Father of all, who is

above all, and through all, and in all.

But to each of us the grace was given accord-8 ing to the measure of the gift of Christ. Where- Psa. lxviii. 18. fore GOD saith.

"When he ascended up on high,

He led captivity captive,

He gave gifts to men." (Now this, "he ascended," what is it but that he first descended into the lower parts of the 10 earth? He who descended is the same as he who ascended far above all the heavens, that he 2 Cor. xii. 2.

11 might fill all things.) And he gave some as 1 Cor. xii. 28. apostles; some as prophets; some as evangel-12 ists; some as pastors and teachers; unto the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministration, for the edifying of the body of Christ;

13 till we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man,—unto the measure of the stature

14 of the fulness of Christ; that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried James i. 6. about with every wind of doctrine, by the artifice of men, by cunning craftiness, according

15 to the wiles of error; but, holding the truth in love, may grow up in all things unto him who

16 is the Head, even Christ; from whom the whole John xv. 5. body fitly framed and knit together by that which every joint supplieth, bringeth about, with energy according to the measure of each member, the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.

This I say therefore, and charge you in the Lord, that we no longer walk even as, in the

18 vanity of their mind, the Gentiles walk; being in their understanding darkened, alienated from Acts xxvi. 18. the life of God through the ignorance that is in

them, because of the hardness of their hearts; who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to occupy themselves, in their inordinate desire, with all uncleanness. But ye 20 did not so learn Christ; if so be that ye heard 21 him, and were instructed in him, even as is truth in Jesus, to put off, as concerning the 2 former mode of living, the old self, which becometh corrupt according to the lusts of deceit; and to be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 23 and to put on the new self, which was created 24 according to God in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Zec. viii. 16.

Psa. iv. 4.

Acts xx. 35.

Isa. lxiii. 10.

Col. iii. 8.

John xiii. 34.

1 Cor. vi. 8.

Heb. xiii. 4.

Wherefore putting away lying, speak ye every 25 one truth with his neighbour; for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not; 26 let not the sun go down upon your wrath (a); neither give place to the devil. Let him who steals, steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his own hands the thing which is good, that he may have whereof to give to him who needeth. Let no corrupt utterance proceed out of your mouths, but whatever is good to edify at need, that it may minister grace to the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of 30 God, in whom ye were sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and 31 clamour, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice; but be ye kind to each other, 32 tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as Gop also forgave you in Christ.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, as Christ also loved you and gave himself for you, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odour of a sweet smell.

But as becometh saints, let fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness be not so much as named among you; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking nor jesting, which are not fitting; but rather, let there be giving of thanks. For be ye sure of this, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man (that is, an idolater),

(a) Or irritation; Gr. provocation.

hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ 6 and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words; for because of these things the wrath of Gop cometh upon the children of disobedience.

7. 8 Therefore be not ye partakers with them. For at one time ye were darkness, but now ye are

o light in the Lord; walk as children of light; (for 1 Thess. v. 5. the fruit of the light is in all goodness and right-

10 eousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable Rom. xii. 2.

11 to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but, rather, re-12 prove them; for it is a shame even to speak of

those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all these things when reproved are made John iii. 20. manifest by the light; for everything that is

14 made manifest is light. Wherefore He saith,

"Sleeper! awake,

And arise from the dead,

And Christ will shine upon thee."

Take careful heed, then, how ye walk—not as Col. iv. 5.

16 unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, be-

17 cause the days are evil. Wherefore show not yourselves foolish, but understand what the

18 will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with Luke xxi. 34. wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the

19 Spirit; speaking to each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making

20 melody with your hearts to the Lord; giving Isa. lxiii. 7. thanks always for all things to God, even the

Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves to each other in the fear of Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own hus- 1 Pet. iii. 1. 23 bands, as unto the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife, even as Christ, being himself

the saviour of the body, is the head of the church. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so let the

wives be to their husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also 25 26 loved the church and gave himself for it; that

he might sanctify it, having cleansed it with the Titus iii. 5.

27 washing of water by the word; that he might present to himself the church, glorious; not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but

28 so as to be holy and without blemish. So ought

from the Lord.

Gen. ii. 24.

husbands also to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loveth his own wife loveth himself. For no one ever yet hated his own 29 flesh; but he nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ the church; for we are members of his body. For this cause a man shall leave father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a 3 great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless, let each of you also severally so love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she fear her husband

Ex. xx. 12. } Deut. v. 16. } Children, obey your parents, in the Lord; for this is right. Honour thy father and thy mother; which is the first commandment with promise; "that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth."

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to

wrath; but bring them up in the discipline and

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1 Pet. ii. 18.

admonition of the Lord.

Servants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of Gop from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord and not to men; knowing that whatsoever good thing each doeth, whether he is a servant or free, for it he will be requited

Deut. x. 17. Job xxxiv. 19.

Rom. ii. 11.

And, ye masters, deal with them in the same way, forbearing threatening; knowing that He who is both their Master and yours, is in heaven; and that with Him there is no respect of persons.

HENCEFORTH, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God (a), that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are wrestling, not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual

<sup>(</sup>a) Or the panoply of Gop ("panoply"=the whole equipment of a soldier prepared for battle).

hosts of wickedness in the heavenly regions.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God (a), that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having fully done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about Isa. xi. 5. with truth, and having put on the breastplate of

righteousness, and having your feet shod with Can. vii. r. 16 the preparation of the gospel of peace; taking I John v. 4.

up withal the shield of faith, wherewith ye will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the 17 wicked one; and take the helmet of salvation, Isa. lix. 17.

and the sword of the Spirit, (which is the word Heb. iv. 12.

18 of God;) praying at all seasons with all prayer Luke xviii. 1.

and supplication in the Spirit, and watching Matt. xxvi. 4L.
thereunto with all perseverance and entreaty

19 for all the saints; and for me, that utterance 2 Thess. iii. 1. may be given me, that I may open my mouth, boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that Isa lviii. 1. therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

But that ye also may know my affairs, how I Col. iv. 7. do, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make known to you all things; whom I have sent to you for this very

2 things; whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that ye may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, 1 Pet. v. 14. from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus

Christ in sincerity.

(a) See note on preceding page.

#### THE EPISTLE TO THE

## **PHILIPPIANS**

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Acts xvi. 12.

PAUL and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons; grace to you and peace from Gop our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph. i. 16.

I THANK my God upon all my remembrance of you (always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy) for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will go on perfecting it until the day of Christ Jesus; even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel ye all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long after you with the tender mercies of Christ Jesus.

Phil. i. 17.

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all perception, that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and stable unto the day of Christ, being filled with the fruit 11 of righteousness which is through Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

Eph. v. 27.

But I would have ye know, brethren, that the 12 things which happened to me have tended rather to the furtherance of the gospel; so that my 13 bonds were made manifest in Christ throughout the prætorian guard (a) and to all the rest; and 14 most of the brethren in the Lord, gaining confidence by my bonds, are much bolder to speak the word of God without fear. Some indeed 15 preach Christ even from envy and strife; and

(a) Lit. in the whole Prætorium.

16 some also from good will: the one part preach Christ from love, knowing that I am set for the 17 defence of the gospel; the others from contention. not sincerely, intending to stir up affliction for 18 me in my bonds. What then? only that, every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. For I know that this will turn to my Rom. viii. 28. salvation, through your prayer and the supply 20 of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I Rom. v. s. shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always so now also. Christ will be magnified in 21 my body, whether by life, or by death. For to Rev. xiv. 13. 22 me to live is Christ, and to die is gain; but if this life in the flesh is the outcome of my labour,-23 indeed, I know not what I would choose. But I am in a strait between the two, having the 2 Cor. v. 8. desire to depart and to be with Christ; for that 24 is far better. Nevertheless, to abide in the flesh 25 is more needful for your sakes. And being confident of this, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your progress and joy in 26 the faith; that your rejoicing in me may be more abundant in Christ Jesus through my presence with you again. Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel Phil. iii. 20. of Christ; that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear, concerning your state, that we stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; 28 and in nothing terrified by your adversaries; Isa. li. 7. and this is to them an evident token of their perdition, but of your salvation, and that from 29 God. For unto you it hath been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but 30 also to suffer for his sake; having the same con- Acts v. 41. flict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me. THEREFORE if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship 2 of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and pity, fill ye up my joy, that ye be likeminded, having 2 Cor. xiii. 11. the same love, being of one accord, minding the 1 Cor. xiii. 5.

Psa. xxii. 6.

Heb. xii. 2.

Isa. xlv. 23.

through vainglory; but in your lowliness of mind deeming others better than yourselves; aiming, not each for his own interests, but each for the interests of others also.

Let that mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought not his equality with GoD a thing to be clung to; but emptied himself (a), taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient, unto the death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave him the name which is above every name; that in the 10 name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess 11 that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Rom. xiv. 9.

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye always obeyed, 12 not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation, with fear and trembling, for it is God who 13 worketh in you both to will and to work, for His good pleasure.

1 Cor. x. 10.

Do all things without murmurings and dis- 14 putings, that ye may be blameless and simple. 15 children of God, without spot, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation; among whom ye are appearing as light-bearers in the world, holding out the word of life; that I may have 16 whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain nor labour in vain.

2 Tim. iv. 6.

Yea, and if I be offered (b) on the sacrifice and 17 service of your faith, I rejoice, and congratulate you all. And, even so, rejoice and congratulate 18 me.

1 Thess. iii. 2.

But I hope, in the Lord Jesus, to send Timothy 19 shortly to you, that when I know your state I also may be cheered. For I have no man like- 20 minded, so that he will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things 21

<sup>(</sup>a) Or (A.V.) made himself of no reputation. (b) Or poured out as a drink-offering.

22 which belong to Christ Jesus. But ye know the proof of him, that as a son with a father he hath 23 served with me unto the gospel. Him therefore I hope to send forthwith, as soon as I see how it will go with me.

But I have confidence in the Lord that I my-25 self also shall come shortly. Yet I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my Phil. iv. 18. brother and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger and minister in my For he longed after you all, and was full

of heaviness because ye had heard that he had 27 been ill. For indeed he was ill, nigh unto death; but God had pity on him; and not on

him only, but on me also, lest I should have 28 sorrow upon sorrow. I send him therefore the more eagerly, that when ye see him ye may again rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.
29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all

30 gladness; and hold such in reputation; because for the work of Christ he drew nigh unto death. hazarding his life, to supply that which was 1 Cor. xvi. 17. lacking in your service to me.

FINALLY, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. 1 Thess. v. 16. To write the same things to you is not irksome 2 to me, while for you it is safe. Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the

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3 Mutilation. For we are the true Circumcision, Rom. ii. 28. we who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Iesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Though I might have confidence even in the flesh. If any other thinketh he may have con-5 fidence in the flesh, I have more; circumcised on Acts xxiii. 6. the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the

tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; 6 concerning the Law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, a persecutor of the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the Law, shown to be

7 blameless. But what things were gain to me, 8 those, for Christ's sake, I counted loss. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things loss for the

excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all 2 Cor. xi. 25.

things, and count them but filth, so that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having as my righteousness that which is from the Law. but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God, resting upon faith: that I may know him, and the power of 10 his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, if by any 11 means I may attain to the resurrection from the

dead.

Not that I have already obtained, or am 12 already perfected; but I follow after, if only I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not 13 myself to have yet laid hold. But one thing I do-forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are in front, I follow on towards the goal unto the 14 prize of God's heavenward calling in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are per- 15 fect (a), be thus minded; and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God will reveal this also to you. Only, whereunto we have already at- 16 tained, let us walk in the same path.

Gal. vi. 16.

Gal. i. 7.

1 Cor. ix. 10.

1 Cor. ii. 6.

1 Pet. iv. 13.

Brethren, become, one and all, imitators of 17 me, and mark those who are walking according to the example we give you. For many walk, 18 of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ; their end is destruction, their god is 10 their belly, their glory is in their shame, they mind earthly things. For our citizenship is in 20 heaven: whence also we look for, as a Saviour,

Eph. ii. 6.

the Lord Jesus Christ; who will refashion the 21 body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to. the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself.

1 Cor. xv. 43.

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, stand fast thus in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

I BESEECH Euodia, and I beseech Syntyche, to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yea, I

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(a) Or are full-grown.

entreat thee also, true voke-fellow, help these women, for they laboured with me in the gospel. with Clement also and the rest of my fellowworkers whose names are in the Book of Life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Phil iii. r.

5 Rejoice. Let your moderation  $(\tilde{a})$  be known to 6 all men. The Lord is at hand; be not anxious about any thing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your 7 petitions be made known to God. And the Psa. cxlv. 18.

peace of God, which passeth all understanding, will keep guard over your hearts and thoughts

in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, Eph. iv. 25. whatsoever things are honourable, whatsoever things are righteous, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, whatever virtue there is, whatever praise there is, think of these things. o Those things which ye learned and received, and

heard and saw in me, practise; and the God of Heb. xiii. 20.

peace will be with you.

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last your care of me hath revived; and in- 2 Cor. xi. o. deed it was in your mind, but ye lacked oppor-

II tunity. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am. 12 therein to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in every-

thing and in all things I possess the secret both to be satisfied and to be hungry, both to abound

13 and to suffer need. I can do all things in him 2 Cor. xii. 9. 14 who strengtheneth me. Notwithstanding, ye

did well, that we communicated with me in my 15 affliction. And ye yourselves also, O Philippians, know that at the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church

communicated with me in the matter of giving 2 Cor. xi. 9. 16 and receiving but ye only; for, even when I was in Thessalonica, ye sent once, yea, twice, to 17 relieve my need. Not that I seek the gift; but

I seek fruit that may increase to your account. 18 But I have everything, and abound; I am full,

(a) Or forbearance.

Heb. xiii. 16.

Rom. xvi. 27.

having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet perfume, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. But my God will supply all your need, 19 according to His riches in glory, in Christ Jesus.

Now unto God, even our Father, be glory for 20

ever. Amen.

SALUTE in Christ Jesus every saint. The 21 brethren who are with me salute you. All the 22 saints, especially those who are of Cæsar's household, salute you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with 23

your spirit.

#### THE EPISTLE TO THE

# COLOSSIANS

PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will Eph. i. r. of God, and Timothy are but saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colossæ; grace to you and peace from God our Father.

WE give thanks to God, Father of our Lord Eph. i. 16. 4 Jesus Christ—praying always for you, since we

heard of your faith in the Lord Iesus, and of the

5 love which we have to all the saints—for the hope 2 Tim. iv. 8. which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye

heard before in the word of the truth of the 6 gospel, which is come to you; even as it is also bringing forth fruit and increasing in all the world; as it doth also in you since the day ye

7 heard and knew the grace of God in truth; even as ye learned from Epaphras our beloved fellowservant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on

8 your behalf, who also declared to us your love Rom, xv. 13.

in the Spirit.

For this cause we also, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased to pray and to desire for you, that ye may be filled with the knowledge of Gop's will in all wisdom and spiritual under-

so standing; that ye may walk worthily of the Lord so as to please him in all things, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing by 11 the knowledge of God; being strengthened with Isa. xlv. 24.

all might, according to His glorious power, unto

12 all patience and longsuffering; with joyfulness giving thanks to the Father who fitted you to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in

13 light; who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom 1 Pet. ii. o.

14 of the Son of His love; in whom we have our redemption, even the forgiveness of our sins;

15 who is the image of the invisible God, the first- Heb. i. 3.

John i. r.

Eph. v. 23.

Eph. ii. 14.

Jude 24.

Heb. x. 38.

Phil. iii. 10.

1 Tim. i. 1.

Rev. iii. 14.

born of all creation; for in him were created all 16 things visible and invisible, in heaven and on

earth, thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things have been created through him and unto him; and he is before all things, 17 and in him all things consist (a). And he is the 18 head of the body, the church; as he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he may have the pre-eminence. all the Fulness was pleased to dwell in him; and to reconcile through him all things to Him- 20 self, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, whether things on the earth, or things in heaven. And you, who were at one time aliens and 21 enemies in your mind in wicked works, yet now 22 he hath reconciled in the body of his flesh through his death, to present you holy and without spot and unreprovable in his sight, provided that ye continue in the faith, grounded and 23 stedfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ve heard, which was preached in all creation under the heavens; of which I Paul was made a minister. Now I rejoice in my 24 sufferings for you. And that which is lacking in the afflictions of Christ I fill up in my flesh, for the sake of his body, which is the church, whereof I was made a minister, according to the 25 dispensation of God which was given me for you, fully to preach the word of GoD; even the 26 mystery which throughout the ages and the generations has been hidden, but now is made manifest to His saints: to whom Gop willed to 27 make known what, among the Gentiles, are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you the hope of glory; whom we 28 preach, warning every man, and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ; whereunto I also labour. 20 striving according to the working of Him who worketh in me mightily.

flict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and

(a) Or come (or hold) together, or stand in order.

For I would that ye knew how great a con-

as many as have not seen my face in the flesh: 2 that their hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the know-3 ledge of the mystery of God, even Christ, in

whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom 4 and knowledge. This I say, lest any one should

5 beguile you with enticing words. For though I Mark xiii. 22. am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in the spirit, rejoicing and beholding your order and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

Therefore as ye received Jesus Christ the 1 John ii. 6.

7 Lord, so walk ye in him; rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye were

8 taught, abounding in thanksgiving. lest any one make a prey of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the principles of

o the world, and not according to Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead

10 bodily. And ye have your fulness in him, who 11 is the head of all rule and authority; in whom Deut. x. 16. also ve were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in putting off the body of the

flesh, in the circumcision which is of Christ: 12 having been buried with him in baptism, wherein also ve were raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead by reason of your tres- Eph. ii. 1. passes and the uncircumcision of your flesh. GOD made alive together with him; having forgiven 14 us all our trespasses, having blotted out the

handwriting of ordinances which was against us. which was contrary to us; yea, Christ hath taken

15 it out of the way, nailing it to the cross; and having cast off from himself (a) the principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, Psa. lxviii. 18. triumphing over them thereon.

Therefore let no one judge you in the matter of eating and drinking, or in respect of a feast or Rom. xiv. 10.

17 new moon or Sabbath; which are a shadow of things to come; but the substance is Christ's.

18 Let no one defraud you of your reward by taking

Beware Rom. xvi. 17.

(a) Or stripped himself of.

Eph. iv. 15.

delight in humility, and in worshipping of angels, taking his stand upon things which he hath seen, vainly puffed up by his carnal mind, and not 10 holding fast the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by its joints and bands, increaseth with the increase of God.

If with Christ ye died to the principles of the 20 world, why, as if ye were still living in the world, do ye subject yourselves to ordinances, "Handle 21 not; Taste not; Touch not"—things which are 22 all destined to perish in the using—according to the commands and doctrines of men? things have indeed a show of wisdom in selfimposed service, and humiliation, and disregard of the body, yet are not of any value against indulgence of the flesh.

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Col. ii. 12. 1 John ii. 15.

Rom, viii, 13.

Titus iii. 3.

Eph. iv. 23.

Mark xi. 25.

If, then, ye were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things upon the earth. For ye died, and your life is hid with When Christ, who is our life, Christ in God. shall be manifested, then ye also will be manifested with him in glory. Put to death therefore the members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, evil passion, wicked desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry; on account of which things the wrath of God cometh; in which ye also walked at one time, when ye lived in them. But now put away all these-anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth; lie not one to another; seeing that ye have cast off the old self with its practices, and have put on the new, 10 which is being renewed to full knowledge, according to the image of Him who created him; where there is not Greek or Jew, circumcision 11 or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond or free; but Christ is all things, and in all things. Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and 12

beloved, tender mercy, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing each other, 13 and forgiving each other, if any one have cause of complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye. And over all these 14

things put on love, which is the bond of perfect-15 ness. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body,

16 and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ Psa. cxix. 11. dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teach and admonish each other in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs; sing to GoD with grace in your hearts.

17 And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, Eph. v. 22. as is fitting in the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter 10

against them.

Children, obey your parents in all things; for Eph. vi. 1. this is commendable in the Lord.

Fathers, provoke not your children, lest they

be discouraged.

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing

23 the Lord. Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as 24 to the Lord and not to men; knowing that of the

LORD ye will receive the recompense of the in-25 heritance; ye are serving the Lord Christ. For Deut. x. 17.

he who doeth wrong, will be requited for the wrong that he hath done; and there is no respect Job xxxiv. 10. of persons.

Masters, give your servants that which is just and fair: knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

Be persevering in prayer, watching therein Luke xviii. 1. 3 with thanksgiving; at the same time praying also for us, that God may open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for 4 which I am also in bonds, that I may make it manifest even as I ought to speak.

Walk in wisdom towards those who are out- Psa. xc. 12. 6 side, redeeming the time. Let your utterance be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every one.

Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful Eph. vi. 21. minister and fellow-servant in the Lord, will

8 make known to you all that concerns me; I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that 401

Phile, 10.

ye may know how we fare, and that he may comfort your hearts; together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things

which are done here.

Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner saluteth you, 10 and so do Mark, Barnabas's cousin (touching whom ye received directions; if he come to you, receive him.) and Jesus, who is called Justus. These are of the Circumcision; and these only have been my fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, men who proved a comfort to me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ 12 Jesus, saluteth you, always wrestling for you in his prayers, that ye may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him 13 record that he bestoweth much labour on you, and on those in Laodicea, and on those in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and 14 Demas salute you.

2 Tim, iv. 10.

lames v. 16.

Salute the brethren who are in Laodicea, also 15 Nympha, and the church which is in her house. And when this epistle is read among you, cause 16 it to be read also in the church of the Lao-

Rom. xvi. s.

diceans; and see that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, 17 Take heed to the ministry which thou didst

Phile. 2.

receive in the Lord, that thou fulfil it. The salutation of me Paul, by my own hand. 18 Remember my bonds. Grace be with you.

Heb. xiii. 3.

#### THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE

## THESSALONIANS

- 1 PAUL, and Silas, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the r Pet. v. 12. Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; grace to you and peace.
  - We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remem- John vi. 29. bering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and persistence of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of our God and

4 Father; knowing, brethren beloved of God, Isa. lv. 11.

5 your election; for our gospel came not to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we became among you for your

manner of men we became among you for your 6 sake. And ye became followers of us and of the 2 Cor. viii. 5. Lord, having received the word amid much

- 7 affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit. So that, Acts xiii. 52. to all those in Macedonia and in Achaia who
- 8 believe, ye became an example. For from you hath sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith towards Gop has gone forth; so that

of there is no need for us to say any thing. For they themselves declare about us what manner 1 Cor. xii. 2. of entrance we had to you, and how ye turned

to God from idols, to serve the living and true to God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, who delivereth us from the wrath to come.

For ye yourselves, brethren, know our entrance unto you, that it hath not been in vain;

2 but after we had suffered before and had been shamefully treated, as ye know, in Philippi, we Acts xvii. 2. were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel

3 of God amid much opposition. For our exhortation was not of deceit, or of uncleanness,

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2 Cor. ii. 17.

Rom. i. 11.

Acts xx. 34.

or in guile; but as we were approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak; as pleasing not men, but God who proveth our hearts. For not at any time did we use flattering words, as ye know, or a cloak of covetousness, -God is witness; neither from men sought we honour, from you of from others, though, as apostles of Christ, we might have been burdensome. But we showed ourselves gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her own children? so we, being affectionately desirous of you, were pleased to impart to you, not only the gospel of God, but even our own lives, because ye had become very dear to us. For ye remember, brethren, our toil and labour; how—working night and day, because we would not be chargeable to any of you—we preached to you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, 10 how piously and righteously and unblamably we behaved ourselves towards you who believe; as 11 ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged each of you, as a father doth his children, that ye should walk worthily of God, who 12 calleth you into His own kingdom and glory.

Eph. iv. 1.

Matt. x. 40.

Acts vii. 52.

Rev. xxii. 11.

For this cause also we too thank God without 13 ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard from us, ye received it, not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of Gop, which is effectual also in you who believe. For ye, brethren, became followers of 14 the churches of God which are in Christ Jesus in Judæa; seeing that ye also suffered like things from your own countrymen, even as they have from the Jews; who both killed the Lord Jesus 15 and the prophets, and persecuted us; and they please not God, and are against all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may 16 be saved; that they themselves may always fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has overtaken them to the uttermost.

AND we, brethren, being bereaved of you for 17 a short time, in presence not in heart, were earnest the more exceedingly with great desire to see your face; for we, even I Paul, would have 18

come to you once and again; and Satan hin-10 dered us. For, what is our hope, or joy, or 2 Cor. i. 14. crown of rejoicing—is it not even ye—in the Jude 24. 20 presence of our Lord Jesus at his coming? For ye are our glory and our joy.

WHEREFORE when we could no longer forbear. we thought it good to be left in Athens alone;

2 and sent Timothy, our brother and God's min- Acts xvii. 15. ister in the gospel of Christ, to establish and

3 encourage you concerning your faith; that no Eph. iii. 13. one should be disquieted by these afflictions; for, ye yourselves know, we are appointed there-

4 unto. For, verily, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we should suffer tribulation; and even so it came to pass, as ye

5 know. For this cause, when I could no longer 2 Cor. xi. 2. forbear, I sent to ascertain your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and

our labour might prove in vain.

But now when Timothy came from you to us. and brought us good tidings of your faith and love, and that ye have a good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also

7 to see you, we were thereby comforted, brethren, 2 Cor. vii. 6. over you in all our distress and affliction, by

8 your faith; for now we live, if ye stand fast in Eph. vi. 13. 9 the Lord. For, what thanks can we render to

God for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy

10 for your sakes before our GoD; night and day 2 Cor. xiii. 9. praying exceedingly that we may see your faces, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

Now, God Himself, even our Father, and our TT 12 Lord Jesus, direct our way to you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love towards each other, and towards all, even as we

13 abound towards you; to the end that he may 2 Thess. ii. 17. establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

FINALLY, therefore, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as ye Col. i. 10. received from us how ye ought to walk and to please God, even as ye do walk, so ye would

1 Cor. v. 9.

abound the more. For ye know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication; that each of you should know how to gain control of his own vessel in sanctification and honour; not in lustful passions, even as the Gentiles who know not God; that no man overreach and wrong his brother in the matter; inasmuch as the Lord is the avenger of all such deeds, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God called us, not unto uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who despiseth, despiseth not man but God, who giveth to you his Holy Spirit also.

But concerning brotherly love ye need not that

I write to you; for ye yourselves are taught by God to love each other. And indeed ye do it to towards all the brethren who are in all Macedonia; but we exhort you, brethren, that ye abound the more; and that ye study to live 11 quietly, and to do your own business, and to

work with your hands, even as we charged you; that ye may walk becomingly towards those 12

who are outside, and that ye may not have need

Lev. xi. 44.

Eph. iv. 17.

John xv. 12.

1 Pet. iv. 15.

Rom. xiii. 13.

1 Cor. xv. 20.

Rev. xi. 12

of anything. BUT we would not have you ignorant, 13 brethren, concerning those who sleep, that ye sorrow not as the rest, who have no hope. For 14 if we believe that Jesus died and rose, even so those also who have fallen asleep God through Jesus will bring with Him. For this we say to 15 you by the word of the Lord, that we who live and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For 16 the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of GoD; and the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who live and re- 17 main shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore 18 comfort each other with these words.

But of the times and the seasons, brethren

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ye have no need that aught be written to you, 2 seeing that ye yourselves know perfectly that Luke xii. 39. the Day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the

3 night. When men say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they will

4 in no wise escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that the Day as a thief should over- Eph. v. 8. 5 take you; for ye all are children of light and

children of the day; we are not children of the 6 night or of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep Matt. xxv. 5.

as do the rest; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep in the night; and those who are drunken, are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting Isa. lix. 17. on the breast-plate of faith and love; and for a

9 helmet, the hope of salvation. For God ap- Rom. ix. 22. pointed us, not to wrath, but to obtain salva-

10 tion, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died Rom. xiv. 8. for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should 11 live together with him. Wherefore encourage

one another, and edify each other, even as also ye do.

NOW, we beseech you, brethren, to recognise Heb. xiii. 7. those who labour among you and are over you

13 in the Lord and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

And we exhort you, brethren, admonish those who are unruly, comfort the faint-hearted, sup- Rom. xv. 1. port the weak, and be long-suffering towards all.

15 See that no one render evil for evil to any one; Pro. xvii. 13. but ever follow ye that which is good, among yourselves and with all.

Rejoice evermore; pray without ceasing; in 16, 17 18 everything give thanks; for this is the will of 19 God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench Eph. iv 30.

20, 21 not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings; but test all things. Hold fast that which is good.

22, 23 Abstain from every appearance (a) of evil. And the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be pre-

i Cor. x. 13.

served complete, blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calleth 24 you, who also will do it.

Brethren, pray for us. Salute all the brethren 25, 26 with a holy kiss. I charge you by the Lord that 27 this epistle be read to all the brethren.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 28

#### THE SECOND EPISTLE TO THE

## THESSALONIANS

1 DAUL, and Silas, and Timothy, to the church 1 of the Thessalonians in God our Father 1 Thess. i. 1. 2 and the Lord Jesus Christ; grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus 1 Cor. i. 3. Christ.

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because your faith groweth exceedingly, and the love of each of 4 you towards the other aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God 2 Cor. ix. 2. on account of your patience and faith amid all your persecutions and the tribulations which ye s endure: and this is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be ac-

counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for 6 which ye also suffer; seeing that it is a righteous Rev. vi. 10. thing with God to repay affliction to those who

7 afflict you, but to you who are afflicted, a rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from

8 heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, Deut. xxxii. 41. taking vengeance on those who acknowledge not God and who obey not the gospel of our Lord

These will be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and 10 from the glory of his might; when he shall come

in that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be Matt. xxv. 31. admired in all those who believed—for our testimony unto you was believed.

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God may account you worthy of His calling, and fulfil in you every desire after goodness, and

12 every work of faith with power; that the name 1 Pet. i. 7. of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Matt. xxiv. 4.

1 Tim. iv. 1.

Dan. xi. 36.

Isa. xiv. 13.

Isa. xi. 4.

Heb. iii. 13.

Eze. xiv. o.

1 Pet. v. 10.

John xiii. 1.

1 Pet. i. 3.

Deut. xxxii. 35.

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NOW, we beseech you, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to him, that ye be not soon shaken from your purpose or troubled, by spirit or by word or yet by letter, as from us, as that the Day of the Lord is at hand. Let no one 3 deceive you by any means; for the falling away must first come, and the man of lawlessness be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself against every one called God or an object of worship; so that he sitteth in the sanctuary of God, setting himself forth as God. Remember ye not that when I was yet with you I told you these things? And ye know what restraineth him now, that in his own season he may be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work; only there is one who restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way. And then will be revealed the lawless one, 8 whom the Lord Jesus by the breath of his mouth will slay, and by the manifestation of his coming will destroy: even him whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceitful- 10 ness of unrighteousness for those who are perishing because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this 11 cause God is sending them a strong delusion, that they may believe the lie: that all those who 12 believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness, may be condemned. But we are bound to give thanks always to 13 Gop for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you to salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto He also called 14 you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the 15 traditions which ye were taught either by word or by our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ 16 himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us everlasting comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and estab- 17 lish them in every good work and word.

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FINALLY, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even

2 as it fares among you; and that we may be Acts xviii. 12. delivered from unreasonable and wicked men;

3 for all men have not faith. But the Lord is 1 Cor. i. o. faithful, who will strengthen you and keep you

4 from evil. And we have confidence in the Lord 2 Cor. vii. 16. concerning you, that ye both do and will do the

5 things which we command. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into

the patience of Christ.

Now we command you, brethren, in the name 1 Tim. vi. 5. of the Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother who walketh disorderly and not according to the tradition which ve re-

7 ceived from us. For ye yourselves know how ye ought to follow us; for we behaved not our-

8 selves disorderly among you; neither did we eat any one's bread for naught; but we wrought 1 Cor. xv. 58. with toil and labour night and day, that we

9 might not be burdensome to any of you; not because we have not the right, but that we might make ourselves an example to you to 10 follow us. For even when we were with you,

this we commanded you, If any will not work Rom. xiv. 20. 11 neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are 1 Tim. v. 13.

among you some who walk disorderly, busied 12 not at all, but being busybodies. Now, those Eph. iv. 28. who are such we command and exhort in the Lord Iesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. 14 And if any one obeys not our word by our epistle, note that man, to have no company with him,

15 that he may be ashamed; yet regard him not as Lev. xix. 17. an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace, 16 always in every way. The Lord be with you all.

THE salutation of me Paul with my own hand; which is the token in every epistle; thus

18 I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be Rom. xvi. 24. with you all.

### THE FIRST EPISTLE TO

# TIMOTHY

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Acts ix. 15.	the commandment of God our Saviour and	I
	Christ Jesus our hope; unto Timothy, my own	2
Acts xvi. 1.	son in the faith; grace, mercy, peace, from God	
	the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.	
	Even as I besought thee to tarry at Ephesus,	3
	when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest	
	charge some that they teach no different doc-	
	Audia	4
	genealogies, which provide questionings rather	•
	than a dispensation of God which is in faith;—	
Rom. xiii. 8.	but the end of the charge is love out of a pure	5
	heart and good conscience and faith unfeigned;	,
	from which some, having swerved, have turned	6
	aside to vain talking; desiring to be teachers of	7
;	the Law, yet understanding neither what they	•
	say, nor the things of which they speak so	
Rom. vii. 12.	boldly. But we know that the Law is good, if	3
	one lawfully use it, with the knowledge that a	)
	law is not intended for a righteous man, but for	
	lawless and disobedient persons, for the ungodly	
	and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for	
2 Tim. iii. 3.	murderers of fathers and mothers, for man-	
	slayers, for fornicators, for those who defile them-	>
	selves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars,	
	for perjurers—and if there is any other thing	
1 Cor. xv. 10.	which is contrary to the sound teaching; accord- 11	ı
	ing to the glorious gospel of the Blessed Gon,	
	which was committed to my trust.	
	I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who strength- 12	2
	ened me, because he counted me faithful, ap-	
Acts viii 3.	pointing me for the ministry; though previously 13	3
	I was a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and in-	
	jurious; but, because I acted ignorantly in un-	
	belief I obtained mercy: and the grace of our 12	4

Lord was exceedingly abundant with faith and the love which is in Christ Iesus.

Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation: Christ Iesus came into the world to 16 save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me chiefly Jesus Christ might show forth all his long-suffering, for a pattern to those who shall hereafter believe on him unto everlasting life.

17 Now unto the King eternal, incorruptible, in- 12 Tim. ii. 11. visible, the only God, be honour and glory for 1 Rom. xv. 4.

ever. Amen. This charge I commit to thee, son Timothy, Tim. iv. 14. according to the prophecies which went before

concerning thee, that thou by them mayest war 10 the good warfare; holding faith, and a good conscience; for some, having thrust these from them, have made shipwreck concerning the 20 faith. Of whom are Hymenæus and Alexander;

whom, that they may learn not to blaspheme, I

have delivered to Satan.

I EXHORT therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgiving, 2 be made for all men; for kings, and for all who Rom, xiii, 1.

are in authority; that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of

4 God our Saviour; who would have all men to John iii. 15. be saved and to come to the knowledge of the 5 truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator

between Gop and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified Matt. xx. 28. 7 of in the proper seasons; whereunto I was ap- 2 Tim, i, 11. pointed a herald, and an apostle; (I speak the

truth, I lie not:) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire therefore that the men pray in every John iv. 21. place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and o disputing; in like manner, that women adorn themselves in seemly apparel, with modesty and sobriety: not with plaited hair and gold, or 10 pearls, or costly dress; but (which becometh

women professing godliness) with good works.

(a) Or a wife.

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1 Cor. xiv. 34.	Let a woman (a) learn in silence with all subjection. I suffer not a woman (a) to teach, nor to have dominion over the man (b); but let her	I I I 2
Gen. i. 27.	be in quietness. For Adam was first formed,	13
Gen. iii. 6.	then Eve. And Adam was not beguiled; but the woman, being quite beguiled, fell into	14
	transgression. But she will be saved through child-bearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness with sobriety.	15
	FAITHFUL is the saying: If any one desireth the office of a bishop, he desireth an honourable	1
Phil. i. 1. Titus i. 6	work. A bishop then must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, vigilant, prudent,	2
	orderly, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not quarrelsome, but gentle, not conten-	3
Psa. ci. 2.	tious, not a lover of money; one who ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection	4
	with all gravity; but if a man knows not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the	5
Jude 6.	church of God? Not a novice, lest being blinded by pride he fall into the condemnation	6
Acts xxii. 12.	of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report from those who are outside; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise the deacons must be grave, not	7
	double-tongued, not given to much wine, not	8
Eph. i. 9.	greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; and then if they be found	9 10
Titus ii. 3.	blameless, let them serve as deacons. Women likewise must be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let deacons be each the	
Watt	husband of one wife, ruling their children and	I 2
Matt. xxv. 21.	their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons procure for themselves an honourable position, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.  These things I write to thee, (hoping to come	
2 Tim. ii. 20.	to thee the sooner; but if I tarry long,) that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and mainstay	

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(b) Or husband.

16 of the truth. And, beyond dispute, great is the mystery of godliness:-

"Who was (a) manifested in the flesh, Was justified in the spirit. Appeared to angels. Was preached among the Gentiles, Was believed on in the world. Was received up in glory."

Rom. xvi. 25. Tohn i. 14. John xvi. 10. 1 Pet. i. 12. 2 Thess. i. 10.

NOW the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some will fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doc- Rev. xvi. 14.

2 trines of devils: through the hypocrisy of men who speak lies, and have their conscience seared, Ecc. v. 18.

3 and forbid to marry, and command to abstain from foods, which Gop created to be partaken of with thanksgiving by those who are believers 4 and have knowledge of the truth; for every

creature of God is good, and nothing is to be 5 refused, if it be received with thanksgiving; for, it is sanctified through the word of God and

prayer.

If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou wilt be a good minister of Christ Iesus, nourished with the words of the faith and Jer. xv. 16. of that good doctrine which thou hast followed.

7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and 8 discipline thyself unto godliness. For bodily 1 Tim. vi. 6. exercise profiteth a little; but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come. 9 Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all ac-

10 ceptation: For to this end we labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those 11 who believe. These things command and teach.

Let no one despise thy youth; but be thou an Titus ii. 7. example to the believers, in word, in conduct, in

13 love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to the reading, the exhortation, the

14 teaching. Neglect not the gift which is in thee,

(a) Or Which was; or, God was. The text here is a matter of dispute.

Acts xiii. 3.

which was given thee through prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the elders. Exercise thyself in these things; give thyself to them; that thy progress may appear to all. Take heed 16 to thyself and to thy teaching; continue in these things; for in so doing thou wilt save both thyself and those who hear thee.

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James v. 20.

1 Tim. v. 16.

REBUKE not an elder, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brethren; the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. Honour widows who are widows indeed. But if any widow hath children or grandchildren, let such learn first to show piety in their own home, and to requite their parents; for that is acceptable before God. Now she who is a widow indeed, and desolate, hath set her hope on God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. But she who is wanton is dead while she liveth. These things command, that they may be without reproach. But if any provides not for his own, and especially for those of his household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Rev. iii. 1.

Acts xvi. 15.

2 Thess. iii. 11.

A widow may be enrolled, if she is not under threescore years, has been the wife of one husband, and is well reported of for good works--if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work. But re- 11 ject younger widows; for when they have grown restive against Christ, they wish to marry; ex- 12 posing themselves to condemnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And, be- 13 sides, they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, buttattlers also, and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the 14 younger ones marry, bear children, rule households, give no occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some have already 15 turned aside after Satan.

If any woman who believeth hath widows, let 16 her relieve them, and let not the church be bur-

dened: that it may relieve those who are widows indeed.

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy 1 Thess. v. 12. of double honour, especially those who labour in

18 the word and teaching. For the scripture saith, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox which treadeth Deut, xxv. 4.

out the corn." And the labourer is worthy of Pro. xxviii, 20. his reward.

Against an elder receive not an accusation, Deut. xix. 15. QI except on the testimony of two or three wit-20 nesses. Those who sin rebuke before all. that

the rest also may fear.

I charge thee before God and Christ Iesus and 2 Tim. iv. 1. the elect angels, that thou observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality.

22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be par- Acts xiii. 3. taker of other men's sins; keep thyself pure.

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine Pro. xxxi. 6. 23 for the stomach's sake and thy frequent infirmities.

Some men's sins are manifest, going before unto judgment; but with some, they rather

25 follow on. In like manner their good works are manifest; and those which are otherwise cannot be hid.

LET those servants who are under the yoke Eph. vi. 5. count their own masters worthy of all honour.

that the name of God and His teaching be not 2 blasphemed. And let not those who have believing masters despise them because they are brethren, but, rather, let them do service to them. because those who partake of their benefit are faithful and beloved.

These things teach and exhort. If any one teaches otherwise, and consents not to the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the

4 doctrine which is according to godliness: he is I Cor. viii. 2. blinded (a), knowing nothing, but doting about questionings and disputes of words, whence come envy, strife, blasphemies, evil surmisings,

5 wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who consider that godliness is

(a) Or puffed up.

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Job i. 21. Ecc. v. 15. Psa. xlix. 17.  a means of gain. But godliness with content ment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, since neither can we carry anything	7
out. But having food and raiment let us be	
therewith content. But those who determine to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into	9
Ex. xxiii. 8. many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil; and some having coveted it, have erred from the faith and	10
pierced themselves through with many sorrows But thou, man of God, flee these things; but	
follow after righteousness, piety, faith, love patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the eternal life unto which	12
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tate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in light which	16
Rev. i. 16. no one can approach; whom no man hath seer or can see; to whom be honour and power ever	l
lasting. Amen.	
Psa. lxii. 10. Charge those who are rich in this age, not to be haughty; to have their hope set, not on un	. '
certain riches, but on God, who giveth us richly	7
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<sup>2</sup> Tim. ii. 18. ledge; in setting forth which some have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with you.	1 21

#### THE SECOND EPISTLE TO

## TIMOTHY

1	I	PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of Gop, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my	Eph. iii. 6.
	2	beloved son; grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.	
	3	I GIVE thanks to God, whom from my fore- fathers I serve with a pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in	Acts xxiii. 1.
		my supplications night and day, greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I	
	5	may be filled with joy; being put in remem- brance of the unfeigned faith which is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and	1 Tim. iv. 6.
		in thy mother Eunice, and dwelleth, I am persuaded, in thee also.	
		Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou rekindle the gift of God, which is in thee	
	•	by the laying on of my hands. For GoD gave us a spirit, not of fearfulness, but of power, and	Rom. viii. 15.
	8	of love, and of a sound mind. Therefore be not thou ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffer-	
	9	ing ills for the gospel; according to the power of God; Who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according	Matt. i. 21.
	10	to His own purpose and grace; which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but	t Cor XV. 54.
		hath now been made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished	1 001. 11. 54.
		death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel; whereunto I was appointed	
	11	a herald, and an apostle, and a teacher. For	
	,	which cause I suffer these things also; neverthe-	Rom. i. 16.

less I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have trusted, and am persuaded that he is able to

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	tate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who	16
	only hath immortality, dwelling in light which	10
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	certain riches, but on God, who giveth us richly	
	all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they	18
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trusted, and am persuaded that he is able to

keep that which I have committed unto him against the great day. Hold fast, in faith and love which are in 13 Christ Jesus, the form of sound words which 1 Tim. vi. 20. thou heardest from me. That good thing which 14 was committed unto thee, guard by the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us. This thou knowest, that all those who are in 15 Acts xix. 10. Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. The Lord grant mercy 16 to the household of Onesiphorus; for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; Acts xxviii. 20. but, when he was in Rome, sought for me dili- 17 gently, and found me. The Lord grant him 18 Heb. vi. 10. that he may find mercy from the Lord in the great day; and in how many things he ministered in Ephesus, thou very well knowest. Josh. i. 7. THOU therefore, my son, be strengthened in 2 the grace which is in Christ Jesus. And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, commit thou to faithful men. such as will be able to teach others also. As a 2 Tim. iv. 5. good soldier of Christ Jesus, endure hardship. A soldier on service keeps himself from entanglement with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. And also, if a man contends for a prize, he is not crowned unless he has contended lawfully. husbandman who labours must be the first to partake of the fruits. Consider what I say; for 1 Tim. iv. 15. the Lord will give thee understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead, according to my gospel; wherein I suffer as a malefactor; even unto bonds: but the word of God is not Therefore I endure all things for the 10 2 Cor. i. 6. sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. Faithful is the saying: For if we died 11 with him, we shall also live with him; if we 12 endure, we shall also reign with him; if we shall Matt. x. 33.

disown himself.

disown him, he also will disown us; if we are 13 unfaithful, he abideth faithful; for he cannot

Of these things put them in remembrance, 2 Pet. i. 13. charging them before Gop that they strive not about words to no profit, to the subverting of the hearers.

Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, as a workman who needeth not to be Matt. xiii. 52. ashamed, handling aright (a) the word of truth.

16 But shun profane babblings; for such men will

17 further increase in ungodliness, and their word

18 will eat as doth a canker; of whom are Hymenæus and Philetus; men who have erred concern- 1 Cor. xv. 12. ing the truth, saying that there has been already a resurrection; and they overthrow the faith of

10 some. Nevertheless the firm foundation of God Num. xvi. 5. standeth, having this seal, "The LORD knew those who are His," and, "Let every one who nameth the name of the LORD depart from

20 iniquity." But in a great house there are vessels not only of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earthenware; and some to honour,

21 and some to dishonour. Therefore if a man Jer. xv. 19. purge himself from these things, he will be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, fit for the Master's use, prepared for every good work.

But flee youthful lusts; and follow after Ecc. xi. 9. 22 righteousness, faithfulness, love, peace, with those who call on the LORD out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and unlearned questionings avoid,

24 knowing that they engender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but must

25 be gentle to all, able to teach, forbearing, in Gal. vi. 1. meekness instructing those who oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; I Tim. iii. 7.

26 so that they who have been taken captive by the devil may recover themselves out of his snare, to do God's will (b).

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BUT know this, that in the last days grievous 1 Tim. iv. 1. 2 times will come. For men will be lovers of their own selves, avaricious, boasters, proud, blas-

<sup>(</sup>a) Or rightly dividing, or setting out. (b) Or by the devil, to do his will, may recover themselves out of his snare.

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2 Pet. ii. 10.

Titus i. 11.

Ex. vii. 22.

Acts xiii. 45.

2 Thess. ii. 11.

John v. 39.

2 Pet. i. 21.

Psa. cxix. 98.

Titus ii. 15.

phemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, false accusers, intemperate, fierce, haters of good, traitors, headstrong, blinded by pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. For of this sort are those who creep into houses, and make captives of silly women laden with sins, led away with divers desires, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these men also withstand the truth; men of corrupt minds, reprobate as to the faith. But they will proceed no further; for their folly will be manifest to all men, as the folly of those men also came to be.

But thou didst fully know my teaching, conduct, purpose, faithfulness, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, such as befell 11 me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra; what persecutions I endured; and out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all who would live piously in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers will become 13 worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

But continue thou in the things which thou 14 hast learned and of which thou hast been assured, knowing from what persons thou didst learn them; and that from childhood thou hast 15 known (a) sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Every scripture given 16 by inspiration of God is also profitable (b) for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may 17 be perfect, thoroughly furnished for every good work.

I CHARGE thee, before God, and before Christ Jesus who is going to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word; be instant in season, out of

<sup>(</sup>a) Some MSS. insert "the."

<sup>(</sup>b) Or, is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable.

season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-3 suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound teaching; but, having itching ears, will gather to themselves

4 teachers according to their own lusts, and will 1 Tim. i. 4. turn away their ears from the truth, and be

5 turned aside to fables. But be thou sober in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

For I am already being offered up (a), and the
 time of my departure is at hand. I have fought 1 Tim. vi. 12.
 the good fight. I have finished my course. I have

8 kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me in the great day; and not to me only, but to all those also who have loved his appearing.

9, 10 Do thy diligence to come quickly to me; for Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this 1 John ii. 15. present world, and hath gone to Thessalonica;

11 Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is profitable to me for minis-

12, 13 tering. But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus. When Titus iii. 12. thou comest, bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil; Psa. xxviii. 4. the Lord will reward him according to his works;

15 and against him be thou also on thy guard; for he greatly withstood our words.

16 At my first defence no one supported me, but all forsook me; may it not be laid to their Acts vii. 60.

17 charge. But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me, that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of

18 the mouth of the lion. The Lord will deliver Psa. cxxi. 7. me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom; to him be glory for ever. Amen.

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the house of 20 Onesiphorus. Erastus abode in Corinth; but

(a) Or poured out (as a drink-offering).

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Trophimus I left in Miletus sick. Do thy dili- 21 gence to come before winter.

Eubulus, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren, salute thee.

The Lord be with thy spirit. Grace be with 22 you.

### THE EPISTLE TO

# **TITUS**

1	I	PAUL, a servant of God, and an apostle of Christ Jesus, according to the faith of	2 Tim. ii. 25
		God's elect; and the knowledge of the truth	
	2	which is according to godliness; in hope of	
		eternal life, which God, who cannot lie promised	
	3	before the world began; but, in His own times,	
		He manifested His word through the message	Rom. x. 14.
		with which I was entrusted, according to the	
	4	commandment of God our Saviour:—To Titus,	
		my own son according to the common faith;	
		grace, and peace, from God the Father, and	
		Christ Jesus our Saviour.	
	5		1 Cor. x1. 34
		shouldest set in order the things which are want-	
	6	ing, and, as I directed thee, appoint elders in every city; any one who is blameless, the hus-	
	U	band of one wife, having believing children who	
	7	are not accused of excess, or unruly. For a	- Tim iii -
	′	bishop must be blameless, as a steward of Gop;	1 11111. 111. 2.
		not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to	
		wine, not a striker, not greedy of filthy lucre;	
	8	but hospitable, a lover of good; prudent, right-	
	9	eous, devout, self-controlled; holding fast the	2 Thess. ii. 1
	•	faithful word which agrees with the teaching,	
		that he may be able both to exhort in the sound	
		doctrine, and to confute the gainsayers.	
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		talkers and deceivers, especially those of the	•
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		for they subvert whole households, teaching for	
		filthy lucre's sake things which they ought not.	
:	I 2	One of themselves, even a prophet of their own,	Acts xvii. 28
•		said, "The Cretans are always liars, evil beasts,	
	13	idle gluttons." This testimony is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be-	
	T 4	come sound in the faith, and not give heed to	- Tim :
	-4	come sound in the fathi, and not give need to	1 11111. 1. 4.

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Iewish fables and to commandments of men who turn from the truth.

To the pure all things are pure; but to those 15 who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but even their mind and conscience are defiled. They profess that they know GoD; but in works 16 they disown Him, being abominable, and dis-

obedient, and as to every good work worthless. But speak thou the things which beseem the sound teaching: that aged men be sober, grave, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, in pa-Aged women likewise, that they be reverent in behaviour, not slanderers, nor en-slaved by much wine, teachers of good things; that they may instruct the young women to be prudent, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sober-minded, pure, workers at home, good, obedient to their husbands, that the

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word of God be not spoken against. The young men likewise exhort to be soberminded; in all things showing thyself a pattern of good works, sincerity (a) in doctrine, gravity, sound speech which cannot be condemned; that he who is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us.

Exhort servants to be subject to their masters, to please them well in all things, not contradicting, not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; 10 that in all things they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing 11 salvation to all men; teaching us that, denying 12 ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and piously, in this present age; looking for the blessed hope and glorious 13 appearing of our great God and Saviour (b), Christ Jesus, who gave himself for us, that he 14 might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a special people, zealous of good works. Teach these things, and exhort; and rebuke 15 with all authority. Let no one despise thee. Put them in mind to be subject to rulers, to I

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(b) Or of the great God and our Saviour.

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Pro. xvi. 31.

1 Tim. v. 14.

1 Tim. iv. 12.

Eph. vi. 5.

Matt. v. 16.

1 Pet. ii. 11.

Psa. cxxx. 8.

<sup>(</sup>a) Or uncorruptness.

2 authorities; to be obedient, to be ready for Eph. iv. 2. every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all meekness towards all men.

For we ourselves also were at one time foolish, 1 Cor. vi. 11. disobedient, deceived, slaves to divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful,

4 and hating each other. But when the kindness of Gop our Saviour and His love towards man

5 appeared, (not by works of righteousness which Eph. ii. 4. we had done, but according to His mercy) He saved us, through the washing of regeneration

6 and renewal by the Holy Spirit, which He poured forth upon us richly through Jesus

7 Christ our Saviour; that, being justified by His Rom. viii. 24. grace, we might become, according to hope, heirs

of eternal life.

Faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I will that thou speak boldly. Let those who have believed God be careful to practise good works. These things are good and profit-

o able to men; but avoid foolish questions, and 2 Tim. ii. 23. genealogies, and contention, and strivings about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

A man who is a heretic, after a first and a Matt. xviii. 17.

11 second admonition reject; knowing that he who is such hath turned aside, and sinneth, being self-condemned.

WHEN I shall send Artemas to thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me to Nicopolis;

13 for I have decided to winter there. Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.
14 And let our brethren learn to practise good Titus iii. 8.

works for necessary purposes, that they be not unfruitful.

All who are with me salute thee. Salute those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all.

### THE EPISTLE TO

# **PHILEMON**

Eph. iii. 1.	our brother, unto Philemon our dearly-	I
	beloved and fellow-labourer, and to our sister Apphia, and to Archippus our fellow-soldier,	2
Eph. i. 2.	and to the church in thy house; grace to you and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.	3
	I THANK my God, making mention of thee	4
	always in my prayers, hearing of thy love and the faith which thou hast towards the Lord	5
Phil. i. 9.	Jesus and unto all the saints; that the fellow- ship of thy faith may become effectual in the perfect knowledge of every good thing which is	6
	in us, unto Christ. For I had great joy and consolation in thy love, because the hearts of	7
Thess. ii. 6.	the saints are refreshed by thee, brother. Wherefore, though in Christ I might be very	8
i Thess. ii. o.	bold to enjoin on thee that which is fitting, yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee,—being such	9
•	a one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner	
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1 Pet. ii. 10.	Onesimus, whom I begot in my bonds; who in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now is	11
,	profitable both to thee and to me; whom I am sending back to thee, himself, that is, my very	I 2
1 Cor. xvi. 17.	heart; whom I would gladly have kept with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered to	13
	me in the bonds of the gospel; but without thy consent I was unwilling to do anything; that	14
	thy good deed should not be as it were of neces-	
Gen. xlv. 5.	sity, but of goodwill. For perhaps he was parted for a season, that thou shouldest receive	15
	him for ever; as a servant no longer, but more than a servant, a brother beloved, especially by	16
	me, but how much more by thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord.	

- 17 Therefore if thou countest me as a partner, 2 Cor. viii. 23.
- 18 receive him as myself. And if he wronged thee at all, or oweth thee aught, put that to my
- 19 account; I Paul write it with my own hand, I will repay it; not to say to thee that thou owest
- 20 me even thy own self besides. Yea, brother, Phile. 7. let me have comfort of thee in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.
- Having confidence in thy obedience I write to thee, knowing that thou wilt do even more
- 22 than I say. But moreover prepare me also a Phil. ii. 24. lodging; for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.
- Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, Col. i. 7.
- 24 saluteth thee, as do also Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-labourers.
- 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with 2 Tim. iv. 22. your spirit.

### THE EPISTLE TO THE

# **HEBREWS**

Num. xii. 6.	GOD, having spoken in the prophets in time past, in many portions and in many ways,	I
Heb. vii. 28.	to the fathers, hath at the end of these days	2
	spoken to us by a Son, whom He appointed	-
Psa, ii. 8.	heir of all things; through whom also He made	
Jno. i. 3.	the world; who, being the effulgence of His	3
J J.	glory, and the very image of His Being, and up-	3
	holding all things by the word of his power,	
Heb. vii. 27.	when he had made purification of sins, sat down	
Psa. cx. 1.	at the right hand of the Majesty on high; being	4
1 Sa. Cx. 1.	exalted so much above the angels, as he hath	4
	inherited a more excellent name than they.	
	For to which of the angels said GOD at any	5
	time,	3
Psa. ii. 7.	"Thou art My Son,	
•	This day I have begotten thee"?	
	And, again,	
2 Sam. vii. 14.	"I will be to him a Father,	
•	And he shall be to Me a Son"?	
	And, again, when He bringeth the First-born	6
	into the world. He saith,	•
Psa. xcvii. 7.	"Let all the angels of Gop worship him."	
• •	And of (a) the angels He saith,	7
Psa. civ. 4.	"Who maketh His angels winds,	•
Ex. iii. 2.	And His ministers a flame of fire."	
2 Kings vi. 17.	But of (a) the Son,	8
Psa. xlv. 6-7.	"Thy throne, O God, is for ever;	•
	And the sceptre of uprightness is the	
	sceptre of his kingdom.	
	Thou didst love righteousness	9
	And hate iniquity;	,
	Therefore God, thy God, anointed thee	
	With the oil of gladness above thy fellows."	

10 And, 'Thou, LORD, in the beginning Didst lay the foundation of the earth; And the heavens are the works of Thy hands; They will perish; 11 But Thou remainest: And they all will wear out as doth a garment; And as a cloak Thou wilt roll them up, 12 And they will be changed; But Thou art the same, And Thy years will not fail." But to which of the angels said He at any 13 time. "Sit at My right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool"? Psa. cx. 1. Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth Psa. ciii. 21. to minister to those who shall inherit salvation? THEREFORE we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we heard, lest at any 2 time we should drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a Acts vii. 53. 3 just recompense, how shall we escape if we Num. xv. 31. neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was con-Heb. iv. 1. 4 firmed unto us by those who heard him, God Mark i. 14.

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Psa. cii. 25, 27.

also bearing testimony with signs and wonders, Acts xiv. 3. and with divers mighty works and gifts of the

Holy Spirit, according to His will? For not unto angels hath He put in subjection 6 the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying,

"What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? Psa, viii, 4. Or the son of man, that Thou visitest him? Thou madest him for a little while lower

than the angels;

Thou crownedst him with glory and honour; Thou didst put all things in subjection 8 under his feet."

For in that He put all things in subjection under him, He left nothing which is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things 1 Cor. xv. 24. 9 put under him. But we see Jesus, who was Phil. ii. 8.

made for a little while lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honour, because of his Acts ii. 33.

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Josh. i. 2.

John iii. 16. suffering of death, that by the grace of God he might taste death for every man. For it be- 10 Luke xxiv. 46. seemed Him for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many Rom. xi. 36. sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. Heb. v. 8, 9. John xvii. 21. For both he who sanctifieth and those who are 11 sanctified are all from One; for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, Psa. xxii. 22. "I will declare Thy name unto my brethren; In the midst of the congregation I will sing praise unto Thee." And, again, 13 Psa. xviii. 2. "I will put my trust in Him." And, again, Behold, I and the children Isa. viii. 18. Whom God gave me." Forasmuch then as the children are partakers 14 of blood and flesh, he also himself likewise took share of the same; that through death he might bring to naught him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver those who through 15 fear of death were all their life-time subject to bondage. For verily it is not angels whom he is helping, 16 Luke i. 74. but he helpeth the seed of Abraham. Where- 17 fore it behoved him to be made in all points like his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, Heb. iv. 15. to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being 18 tempted, he is able to succour those who are tempted. WHEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of 3 a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus, who, even as was Moses in the whole family of God, was Num. xii. 7. faithful to Him who appointed him. For he 3 has been deemed worthy of greater honour than was Moses, in proportion as he who established the family has greater honour than has the

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family. For every family is founded by some one; but GoD is He who founded all things.

to what would afterwards be spoken was, as 6 steward, faithful; whereas Christ, as Son, is faithful over the family of God, whose family we are, if to the end we maintain unshaken our confidence and the glorying of our hope.

Wherefore—even as the Holy Spirit saith, "To-day if ye will hear His voice,

Psa. xcv. 7.

8 Harden not your hearts,

As in the provocation,

In the day of trial in the wilderness:

Where your fathers tried Me, by proving Me. 9 And saw My works forty years;

10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation.

And said. They always err in their hearts; But they knew not My ways;

As I swore in My wrath, ΊI

They shall not enter My rest";

12 -take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of Mark vii. 21. you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from

13 the living God. But exhort each other daily. while it is called To-day, lest any of you be

14 hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast to the end: 15 since it is said.

"To-day if ye will hear His voice, Harden not your hearts,

As in the provocation."

For who, when they had heard, provoked? Num. xiv. 20. But did not all who came out of Egypt under Num. xxvi. 64. 17 Moses? But with whom was He grieved forty

years? was it not with those who sinned, whose 18 corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom Deut. i. 34. swore He that they should not enter His rest,

10 but to those who believed not? So we see that Heb. xii. 15.

because of unbelief they could not enter. LET us therefore fear, lest haply, a promise being left of entering His rest, any one of you

2 should seem to come short of it. For to us the Psa. cx. 4. gospel has been preached, as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mingled with faith in those who

3 heard it. For we who believed are entering His rest, as He hath said,

Psa. xcv. 7.

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Psa. xcv. 11.

"As I swore in My wrath.

Gen. ii. 2.

They shall not enter My rest," although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He spoke in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise,

"And Gop rested on the seventh day from all

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His works."

And in this place again,

"They shall not enter My rest."

Since, therefore, it remaineth that some must enter it, and they to whom the gospel was first preached entered not because of unbelief, again He fixeth a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after so long a time; as is aforesaid,

"To-day if ye will hear His voice,

Harden not your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, then God 8 would not have spoken afterwards of another day. There remainesh therefore a Sabbath- 9 rest for the people of God. For he who hath 10 entered upon his rest bath also ceased from his

entered upon his rest hath also ceased from his own works, as Gop did from His.

2 Pet. i. 10.

Psa. xcv. 7.

Therefore let us labour to enter that rest, lest 11 any one fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God is living and powerful, and 12 sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart; and there is 13 no creature which is not manifest in His sight; but all things are naked and laid bare unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do (a).

Psa. cxxxix. 2.

Heb. ix. 12.

SEEING then that we have a great High 14 Priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a High Priest who 15 cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one who was in all points tempted in like manner, yet without sin. Therefore let us come confidently to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

Eph. iii. 12.

(a) Or to whom we must give an account.

For every High Priest taken from among Heb. viii. 2 5 men is appointed for men in things pertaining to Gop, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices 2 for sins; being able to bear patiently with the ignorant and erring, since he himself also is

3 compassed with infirmity; and by reason of it Lev. ix. 7.

he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

AND a person taketh not unto himself this. honour; but he receives it on being called by 5 God, as also did Aaron. So also, for Christ to become a High Priest, He who glorified him was not Christ himself, but He who had said to him. Psa. ii. 7.

"Thou art My Son,

To-day I have begotten thee." As He saith also in another place,

"Thou art a Priest for ever

After the manner of Melchizedek" (a).

Christ in the days of his flesh, when he had Matt. xxvi. 30. offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him who was able to save him from death, and was heard because of his

8 reverence; though he was a Son, yet he learned

9 obedience by the things which he suffered; and Heb. ii. 10. having been made perfect, he became to all who 10 obey him the author of eternal salvation; being called by God a High Priest according to the manner of Melchizedek.

And of him we have many things to say, and difficult to explain, seeing that ye have become

12 dull of understanding. For when, by reason of I Cor. iii. I. the length of time, ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again what are the first principles of the oracles of God; and ye have become such as have need of milk, not of 13 solid food. For, every one who partaketh of milk is inexperienced in the word of righteous-

14 ness; for he is a babe. But solid food is for those who are fully-grown, who by reason of use have their senses trained to distinguish between good and evil.

(a) The expression "order of Melchizedek," used here in the A. V., is misleading as to the sense of the Greek, which is more accurately conveyed by, "after (or according to) the manner of Melchizedek." See Heb. vii. 15, where the word "likeness" (or "similitude") is found in the Greek.

Psa. cx. 4.

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Phil. iii. 12.

THEREFORE leaving the first principles of Christ, let us press forward to perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith towards Gop; a doctrine of washings (a), and of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judg-And this we will do if Gop permit.

Heb. ix. 10. James iv. 15.

For concerning those who once were enlightened, who tasted of the heavenly gift, and be-

came partakers of the Holy Spirit, and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, and fell away—it is impossible to renew them unto repentance; seeing that they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. For, the ground

Psa. lxv. 10.

Matt. xxv. 40.

Heb. iii. 6.

Isa. i. 28.

7 which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for those for whose sake it is tilled, receiveth blessing from God: but if it beareth thorns and thistles it is 8 rejected, and is nigh unto being cursed; the end

of which is to be burnt.

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things which accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not un- 10 righteous to forget your work and the love which ye showed towards His name, in that ye ministered to the saints and do minister. we desire that each of you should show the same diligence unto the full assurance of hope even to the end; that ye be not sluggish, but followers 12

of those who through faith and patience inherit

the promises. For God, when He made promise to Abraham, 13 having no greater by whom to swear, swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless 14 thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee."

And so, Abraham, having patiently endured,

obtained the promise. For men swear by one greater than themselves; 16

and in every dispute among them the oath is conclusive as an assurance. Wherefore God, 17 willing more abundantly to show to the heirs of His promise the immutability of His counsel,

Gen. xxii. 16.

Ex. xxii. 11.

Heb. xi. 9.

(a) Or baptisms.

18 intervened with an oath; that by two immutable Titus i. 2. things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we who fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set

10 before us, might have strong consolation; which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and stedfast and entering that which is within the Heb. iv. 14. 20 veil, whither a forerunner has entered for us, even

Jesus, who has become a High Priest for ever Heb. vii. 17. according to the manner of Melchizedek.

7 NOW this man, King of Salem, Priest of the Gen. xiv. 18. Most High God, Melchizedek, who met Abraham returning from the smiting of the kings and

2 blessed him, to whom Abraham allotted a tenth part of all, abideth a priest continually, being first, by interpretation, King of Righteousness, and then King of Salem also (that is, King of

3 Peace), without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor

end of life, but made like the Son of God. Now, consider how great this man was, to

whom the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth from Num. xviii. 2. 5 the spoils. And verily, those of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office, have a command to take tithes from the people, according to the Law, that is, from their brethren, though they

6 have all come out of the loins of Abraham; but Gen. xiv. 20. he who was not of their genealogy took tithes from Abraham; moreover he blessed him who 7 had the promises. But without any contradic-

8 tion the less is blessed by the greater. And here, men who die receive tithes; but there, one Rev. i. 18. of whom it is witnessed that he liveth, receives

o them. And, so to speak, Levi also who receiveth tithes, payed tithes through Abraham; to for he, when Melchizedek met Abraham, was

vet in the loins of his forefather.

Therefore, if perfection were attained by Gal. ii. 21. means of the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people hath received the Law), what further need was there that a different priest should rise according to the manner of Melchizedek, and not be reckoned according to the manner of

12 Aaron? For, the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the

Isa. xi. 1.

Psa. cx. 4.

Rom. v. 2.

Heb. viii. 6.

1 Pet. ii. 22. 1 Sam. ii. 35. Lev. ix. 7.

Law. For he of whom these things are spoken 13 belongeth to another tribe, no member of which gave attendance at the altar; for, it is clear that 14 our Lord hath sprung from Judah, as to which tribe Moses said nothing concerning priests. And it is yet far more evident, if indeed there 15 ariseth, according to the likeness of Melchizedek, a different priest, who has become so not accord- 16 ing to the law of an earthly commandment, but according to the power of an imperishable life; for it is testified.

'Thou art a Priest for ever

After the manner of Melchizedek" (a). Thus, there is a doing away with the preceding 18

commandment, because of its weakness and unprofitableness (for the Law made nothing per- 10 fect), and a bringing in of a better hope by which we draw nigh to God.

Again, inasmuch as it was not without an 20 oath—for those have been made priests without 21 an oath, but this with an oath was made a priest by Him who said to him,

"The Lorp swore and will not repent.

Thou art a Priest for ever" by so much hath Jesus become the surety of a 22 better covenant.

Further, they truly were made priests many in 23 number, because by death they are prevented from continuing; but he, because he continu- 24 eth ever, hath his priesthood unchangeable (b). Wherefore he is also able to save to the uttermost 25 those who come to God through him, seeing

that he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest also beseemed us, one 26 who is holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and raised higher than the heavens; who 27 needeth not daily, as those High Priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's; for this he did once for all when he offered up himself. For the Law appointeth 28 as high priests men who have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appointeth a Son who is perfected evermore.

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<sup>(</sup>a) See note, p. 435.

<sup>(</sup>b) Or intransmissible.

Jer. xxxi. 31.

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NOW, to sum up the matters of which we are Eph. i. 20. speaking:—We have such a High Priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven; a minister of the Holy Place, even of the true tabernacle, which the LORD

even of the true tabernacle, which the LORD pitched, not man.

For every High Priest is appointed to present Eph. v. 2.

gifts and sacrifices; wherefore it is necessary that this man also should have somewhat to 4 offer. If, then, he were on earth, he would not

4 offer. If, then, he were on earth, he would not be even a priest, seeing that there are those who

5 offer gifts according to the Law; who indeed Ex. xxv. 40. serve that which is a copy and shadow of what is heavenly, as Moses was admonished when he was about to complete the tabernacle; for "See," God said, "that thou make all things according to the pattern shown to thee in the mount."

6 But, as it is, he hath attained a more excellent 2 Cor. iii. 6. ministry, in proportion as he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

For, if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. For, finding fault with them, He saith,

"Behold the days come, saith the LORD, When I will make a new covenant with the

house of Israel and with the house of Judah;
Not according to the covenant which I

made with their fathers
In the day when,
To lead them forth from the land of Egypt,
I took them by the hand;

For they continued not in My covenant, And I regarded them not, saith the LORD.

For this is the covenant which I will make Hos. ii. 23. with the house of Israel

After those days, saith the LORD; I will put My laws into their mind, And will also write them on their hearts; And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to Mo a people:

And they shall be to Me a people;

11 And they shall not teach each his fellow- Jer. xxxi. 34. citizen

And each his brother, saying, Know the LORD;

For all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest of them.

For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And their sins I will remember no more."

In that He saith, "A new covenant," He hath 13 pronounced the first to be worn out. Now that which is wearing out and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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NOW truly even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service, and its sanctuary on earth. For there was a tabernacle prepared, the first, which is called the "Holy," wherein are the candlestick and the table and the show-bread; and, beyond the second veil, a tabernacle called the "Holy of Holies," having a golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein were a golden pot holding the manna, Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant; and above it cherubim of glory, shadowing the mercy-seat; of which things it is not possible now to speak in detail.

Now these things having been thus made, the priests go continually into the first tabernacle, performing their services; but into the second the High Priest goeth alone once every year, not without blood which he presenteth for himself and for the errors of the people; the Holy Spirit hereby signifying that the way into the Holy Place hath not yet been manifested, while there standeth the first tabernacle (which is an emblem for the present time); according to which are presented gifts and sacrifices also which cannot make the worshipper perfect as pertaining to the conscience; which things, together 10 with foods and drinks and divers washings, are merely carnal ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation.

But Christ having appeared as High Priest of 11 the good things which have come, passed through the tabernacle greater and nearer perfection, not made with hands (that is to say, not of this creation), and entered—not through the blood 12

Ex. xxv. Ex. xxvi. 36. Ex. xl. 3.

1 Kings viii. 9. Ex. xxv. 18.

Ex. xxx. 10.

John xiv. 6.

Psa. li. 16.

Lev. xi. 2. Heb. vi. 20.

Acts xx. 28.

of goats and calves, but through his own blood the HOLY PLACE once for all, having provided
13 an eternal redemption. For if the blood of Lev. xvi. 14.
goats and of bulls, and the ashes of a heifer

sprinkling the unclean, sanctify to the purifying

14 of the flesh, how much more will the blood of 1 Pet. i. 18. Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the Living Heb. x. 22. Gop!

And for this end he is the mediator of a new covenant, that, a death having taken place for redemption from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the 16 promise of the eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must be declared the death

17 of the testator. For a testament is valid when men are dead, whereas it is of no force at all

while the testator liveth.

Hence not even the first covenant has been Num. xix. 2. 19 consecrated without blood. For, when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the Ex. xxiv. 8.

20 book itself and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the covenant which Gop hath com-

21 manded for you. Moreover he sprinkled with Ex. xxix. 12. blood in like manner not only the tabernacle but

22 all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the Law, almost all things are purified with Lev. xvii. 11. blood; and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Therefore it was necessary that the copies of 23 things in the heavens should be purified with these things; but the heavenly things them-

24 selves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ entered, not a holy place made by hands, Rom. viii. 34. a figure of the true; but heaven itself, now to

25 appear in the presence of God for us; nor was this that he should offer himself often, as the High Priest entereth the Holy Place every year

26 with blood not his own,—for in that case he must have suffered often since the foundation of the world—but, in fact, once for all at the end of the

Gen. iii. 10.

1 Pet. ii. 24.

ages he hath been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And even as to die once, 27 but after this the judgment, is appointed unto men; so also Christ, having been once offered to 28 bear the sins of many, will appear the second time apart from sin, to those who wait for him unto salvation.

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Col. ii. 17.

FOR, the Law having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very counterpart of the things, it can never, by the sacrifices, year by year the same, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw nigh. For then would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshippers, being once purified, would have no more consciousness of sins? But in those sacrifices there is a yearly remembrance of sins. For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Lev. xvi. 34.

Psa. xl. 6.

Wherefore in coming into the world he saith, "Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, But a body Thou didst prepare for me: In burnt-offerings and sin-offerings Thou hadst no pleasure. Then I said, Lo, I am come, (In the volume of the book it is written of

me.)

To do Thy will, O God."

Above, when he said, "Sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings thou wouldest not, neither hadst thou pleasure therein" (which are offered according to the Law); then he said, "Lo, I am come to do Thy will. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By which will we are sanctified, 10 through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

John xvii. 19.

Psa. cx. 1.

And every priest standeth, daily ministering, 11 and often presenting the same sacrifices which can never take away sins; but this man, after 12 he had offered one sacrifice for sins, sat down for ever (a) at the right hand of God; waiting hence- 13 forth until his enemies shall be made his foot-

(a) Or (read) for sins for ever, sat down.

14 stool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever those who are sanctified.

The Holy Spirit also testifieth to us; for, after He hath said.

"This is the covenant which I will make with Jer. xxxi. 33. τ6

After those days":

The Lord saith.

"I will put My laws upon their hearts, And upon their minds I will write them:

And their sins and their iniquities I will 17 remember no more."

18 Now, where remission of these is, there is no

more any offering for sin.

HAVING therefore, brethren, by the blood of Heb. x. 8. Iesus, freedom for entrance to the HOLY PLACE, John xiv. 6.

20 an entrance which he consecrated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, his

21 flesh; and having a High Priest over the house 22 of Gop; let us draw near with a true heart in full Eph. iii. 12. assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled

from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed 23 with pure water. Let us hold fast the confes-

sion of our hope, that it waver not, for He who 24 promised is faithful; and let us consider one another that we may stir up each other to love

25 and to good works; not (as the custom of some Rom. xiii. 11. is) forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, but exhorting each other; and so much

the more as we see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after having received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no 27 more any sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful

expectation of judgment, and a fiery indignation, Isa. lxiv. 1. 28 which will devour the adversaries. He who Deut. xvii. 6.

despised the Law of Moses died without mercy 20 upon the testimony of two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, think ye, will he be deemed worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of Gop, and hath accounted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, a common thing, and hath done despite to the

30 Spirit of grace! For we know Him who said,

Deut. xxxii. 35. Rom. xii. 19.

"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And, again, "The LORD will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of 31 Psa. cxxxv. 14. the living Gop. But call to remembrance the former days, in 32 which, after ye had been enlightened, ye endured a great conflict of sufferings; both while 33 1 Thess. ii. 14. by reproaches and afflictions ye were made a gazing-stock, and also while ye became partakers with those who were so used. For ye 34 sympathised with those who were in bonds, and Luke xii. 33. took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing that ye yourselves have a better possession, even an enduring one. Therefore cast not away your confidence, 35 which hath great recompense of reward. For 36 Luke xxi. 10. ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God ye may receive the promise. For, "Yet a little while and he who cometh 37 Hab. ii. 4. Gal. iii. 11. Will come, and will not tarry. Now, My righteous man will live by faith; 38 And if he draw back, My soul hath no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back unto 30 Heb. x. 26. perdition; but of those who believe unto the saving of the soul. NOW, faith is confidence in things hoped for, 11 a being convinced of things not seen. For by it those of old time obtained a good testimony. By faith, we understand that the world was Gen. i. r. framed by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made from things which appeared. By faith, Abel offered to God a more excellent Gen. iv. 4. sacrifice than Cain, on account of which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead vet speaketh. Gen. v. 24. By faith, Enoch was translated, that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him; for before his

6 had pleased God. But without faith, it is impossible to please Him; for he who cometh to God must believe that He exists, and that He shews Himself a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

By faith Noah, being warned of things not JGen. vi. 8. seen as then, made, in godly fear, an ark for the 1 Gen. vi. 14. saving of his family; by which faith he condemned the world, and became an inheritor of

the righteousness which is by faith.

By faith, Abraham, when he was called to go Gen. xii. 1. out to a place which he should afterwards receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went o out, not knowing whither he was going. By faith. he soiourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents, together with Isaac and Jacob, the joint-heirs of the same

10 promise; for he was waiting for the city which Heb. xii. 22. hath the foundations, the craftsman and builder Rev. xxi. 14, 10. of which is God.

By faith, even Sarah herself received strength to conceive when she was past age, because she 12 judged Him faithful who had promised. So there sprang even from one, and him to all in- Gen. xxii. 17. tents dead, as many as the stars of the heavens for multitude, and as the sand by the sea shore, innumerable.

These all died in faith, not having received Gen. xlvii. o. the promises, but having seen them and greeted Psa. xxxix. 13. them from afar, and having acknowledged that they themselves were strangers and sojourners 14 on the earth. For those who say such things Hos. xiv. 2.

show plainly that they are seeking a country of 15 their own. And truly, if they had been mindful

of that from which they came out, they might 16 have had opportunity to return. But, as it is, they desire a better one, that is, a heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God; for He hath prepared for them a citv.

By faith, Abraham, when he was tried, hath Gen. xxii. 1. 17 made an offering of Isaac! yea, he who had welcomed the promises was offering up his only- Gen. xxi. 12. 18 begotten son, though it had been said to him,

10 "In Isaac shall thy seed be reckoned"; account-

Gen. xxvii. 28.

Gen. xlvii. 31.

Gen. 1. 25.

Ex. ii. 2. Acts vii. 20.

Ex. x. 28.

Ex. xii. 11. } Ex. xii. 18. }

Ex. xiv. 22.

Jos. vi. 20.

Jos. ii. 1. Jos. vi. 17. Jos. vi. 23.

John xxi. 25. Jud. vi. 11. Jud. vi. 15. ing that God was able even to raise him from the dead; whence also he in parable received him.

By faith, also, Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau 20

concerning things which were to come.

By faith, Jacob, when he was dying, blessed 21 each of the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning on the top of his staff.

By faith, Joseph, when near his end, made 22 mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave commandment concerning his

bones.

By faith, Moses, when he was born, was hidden 23 three months by his parents, because they saw that he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, re- 24 fused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the 25 people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of 26 Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he had respect to the recompense of reward.

By faith, he forsook Egypt, not fearing the 27 wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him

who is invisible.

By faith, he appointed the Passover, and the 28 sprinkling of blood, lest He who destroyed the first-born should touch themselves.

By faith, they passed through the Red Sea as 29 by dry land; which the Egyptians attempting to do were drowned.

By faith, the walls of Jericho fell down, after 30

they had been encompassed seven days.

By faith, Rahab the harlot, having received 31 the spies peaceably, perished not with the disobedient.

And what shall I say more? for time would 32 fail me to tell of Gideon, of Barak, of Samson, of Jephthah; of David too, and Samuel, and the prophets; who by faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, proved mighty in war, turned to flight armies of aliens. Women 35

received their dead by a resurrection; others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that

36 they might obtain a better resurrection; others 2 Kings iv. 20. had experience of mockings and scourgings, yea 37 moreover of bonds and imprisonment; they

were stoned, were tempted, were sawn asunder. Acts vii. 52. were slain with the sword; they went about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute,

38 afflicted, ill-treated; of whom the world was not worthy; they wandered in deserts, and on mountains, and in caves and the clefts of the earth.

And all these, though they obtained a good testimony through their faith, received not the Rev. vi. 11.

40 promise, God having provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be

made perfect.

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Wherefore seeing that we are encompassed with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race

2 which lies before us, looking unto Jesus the Au- Luke xxiv. 26. thor and Finisher of the faith; who for the joy which was set before him despised shame and endured a cross; and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of Gop.

For, that ye grow not weary, fainting in your souls, consider him who endured such contradic-4 tion of sinners against himself. Ye have not yet

5 resisted unto blood, striving against sin. ye have forgotten the exhortation which speak- Pro. iii. 11, eth unto you as unto sons,

"My son, despise not thou the chastisement of the Lord,

Nor faint when thou art rebuked by Him;

For, whom the LORD loveth He chastiseth, Job. v. 17. And He scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

7 Endure unto chastisement; God is dealing with Pro. xiii. 24. you as with sons; for what son is there whom

8 his father chastiseth not? But if ye are without chastisement, whereof all have been made partakers, then ye are bastards, and not sons.

Furthermore, we had fathers of our flesh who Num. xxvii. 16.

chastised us, and we gave them reverence: shall

we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for 10 a few days chastised us as it seemed good to them; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now, any chastise- 11 ment seemeth for the present to be not joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, to those who have been disciplined by it, it yieldeth afterwards the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Wherefore, strengthen the hands which hang 12 down and the feeble knees; and make straight 13 paths for your feet; that what is lame be not turned out of the way, but rather may be healed.

Follow after peace with all men; and after 14

holiness, without which no one will see the LORD; looking diligently, lest any one falling away from 15 the grace of God, any root of bitterness springing up, trouble you, and the many be defiled thereby; lest there be any fornicator or profane person, 16 such as Esau, who for one meal sold his birthright. For ye know that afterwards, when he 17 desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, though he sought it earnestly with tears: for he found no place for repentance.

felt, and which burned with fire; and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound 19 of a trumpet, and the utterance of words; the hearers of which entreated that no word more should be spoken to them—for they were not 20 able to bear that which was enjoined, "And if even a beast touch the mount, it shall be stoned":

For ye have not come to that which could be 18

and, so terrible was the sight, Moses said, "I 21 exceedingly fear and tremble"-but ye have 22 come to a mount Sion and to a city of the living God, a heavenly Jerusalem, and to tens of thousands of angels; to a general assembly and 23 church of first-born who have been enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is Gop of all; and to

spirits of just men made perfect; and to Jesus 24 the mediator of a new covenant, and to a blood of sprinkling which speaketh in better wise than did Abel. See that we reject not him who speaketh. For 25

if they escaped not when they rejected him who 448

Isa. xxxii. 17.

Isa. xxxv. 3. Pro. iv. 26.

Deut. xxix. 18.

Gen. xxv. 31.

Ex. xix. 16.

Ex. xix. 12.

Deut. ix. 10.

Luke x. 20.

Ex. xxiv. 8. Heb. xi. 4.

gave warning on earth, much more shall we not escape, who turn away from him who warneth

26 from heaven; whose voice then shook the earth; Hag. ii. 6. but who now hath promised, "Again, once for

all I will shake, not the earth only, but also the And this word, "again, once for all," pointeth to the removing of those things which are shaken, as of things which are made,

that those things which are not shaken may 28 remain. Wherefore, as we are receiving a kingdom which is not to be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with

20 reverence and fear; for our God is a consuming Deut. iv. 24. fire.

13 г. LET brotherly love continue. Forget not to entertain strangers; for thereby some have en- Gen. xviii., xix.

3 tertained angels unawares. Remember those Matt. xxv. 36. who are in bonds, as bound with them; and those who suffer adversity, as being yourselves

4 also in the body. Let marriage be held in honour among all, and let the bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers Gop will judge.

5 Let your life be free from covetousness; be content with such things as ye have; for He hath Josh i. 5. said. "I will in no wise leave thee, neither will I Psa. cxviii. 6.

6 in any wise forsake thee"; so that we boldly say, "The LORD is my helper, I will not fear;

What shall man do unto me?" Remember those who have rule over you, who spoke to you the word of God; and, considering the outcome of their way of life, be imitators of their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same (a), yesterday and to- Rev. i. 4. o day, and for ever. Be not carried away by I John iv. I. divers and strange doctrines; for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace,

not with foods, by which those who occupy Heb. ix. 10. themselves therewith have not profited.

We have an altar from which those who serve 11 the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those victims, the blood of which is brought into the Holy Place by the High Priest

Lev. iv. 12. Lev. xvi. 27. Lev. xvi. 27. Num. xix. 3.

Mic. ii. 10. Heb. xii. 22.

Isa. lvii. 19. Rom. xii. 13.

1 Thess. v. 12.

Acts xxiv. 16.

1 Thess. v. 23.

1 Pet. v. 10. Phil. ii. 13.

for a sin-offering, are burnt outside the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the 12 people with his own blood, suffered outside the gate. Let us therefore go forth to him outside 13 the camp, bearing his reproach. For here we 14 have not a continuing city, but we seek that which is to come. Through him therefore let 15 us offer a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which confess his name. But to do good and to distribute forget not; for 16 with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Obey those who have rule over you, and sub- 17 mit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as those who shall give account; that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that would be unprofitable for you.

Pray for us; for we are persuaded that we 18 have a good conscience, in all things wishing to live honourably; and I the more earnestly be- 19 seech you to do this, that I may be restored to

you the sooner.

Now the God of peace, who brought from the 20 dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of an everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good thing 21 to do His will, working in us (a) that which is well-pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

BUT I beseech you, brethren, bear with the 22 word of exhortation; for I have written to you in few words. Know that our brother Timothy 23 is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

Salute all those who have rule over you, and 24 all the saints. They from Italy salute you. Grace be with you all. 25

(a) Or you.

#### THE GENERAL EPISTLE

OF

# **JAMES**

JAMES, a servant of God, and of the Lord Jude 1.

Jesus Christ, to the Twelve Tribes which Acts viii. 1.

are of the Dispersion, greeting.

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into

3 divers trials; knowing that the trying of your Rom. v. 3. 4 faith worketh patience: but let patience have

its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of Pro. ii. 3. God, who giveth to all liberally, and upbraideth

- 6 not; and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting. For he who doubteth is like foam of the sea driven by the wind 7 and tossed. For let not that man think that he,
- a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways, will receive any thing from the Lord.

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted; but the rich, in that he is brought

low; because as the flower of the grass he will Isa xl. 6.

II pass away. For the sun riseth with its burning heat, and withereth the grass, and the flower

thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also will the rich man fade away in his goings.

- BLESSED is the man who endureth tempta- 2 Tim. iv. 8. tion; for when he is proved he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to those Rev. ii. 19 who love him.
- 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by GoD; for GoD cannot be tempted
- 14 with evil, neither tempteth He any man. But every one is tempted, when he is drawn away Hos. xiii. 9.
  15 and enticed by his own lust. Then, when lust Job xv. 35.

John iii. 27. an

hath conceived, it beareth sin; and sin, when it is fully-grown, bringeth forth death. Be not 16 deceived, my beloved brethren: all good giving and every perfect gift are from above, and come 17 down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variableness neither shadow of (a) turning. Of His own will He begat us by the word 18 of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Pro. xvii. 27.

Ye know this, my beloved brethren; but let 19 every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the 20 righteousness of God. Wherefore put away all 21 filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word,

Col. iii. 5.

which is able to save your souls.

Matt. vii. 21.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers 22 only, deceiving your own selves. For if any 23 one is a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror—for he beheld himself, and has gone his way; 24 and he immediately forgot what manner of man

2 Cor. iii. 18.

and he immediately forgot what manner of man he was. But whoso looked into a perfect law, 21 the law of liberty, and continued therein, having become, not a hearer who forgetteth, but a doer who worketh, will be blessed in his deed.

Psa. xxxiv. 13.

If any one is counted to be religious, yet 26 bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, that man's religion is worthless. Religion 27 pure and undefiled before our God and Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction; to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

1 Cor. 1i. 8. Lev. xix. 15. Pro. xxiv. 23. MY brethren, hold not (b) the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory, with respect of persons. For if there came into your assembly a man with gold rings and in rich clothing, and there came in also a poor man in mean clothing; and ye had regard to him wearing the rich clothing, and said, Sit thou here in an honourable place; and ye said to the poor man, Stand thou there, or, Sit by my footstool—

(a) Or cast by.

(b) Or do ye hold?

4 did ye not make distinctions among yourselves. and show yourselves judges whose thoughts are 5 evil? Hearken, my beloved brethren: Did not 1 Cor. i. 26. God choose those who are poor as to the world, to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? 6 But ye despised the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, yea, and drag you before the judg-7 ment-seats? Do not they blaspheme the hon-8 ourable name by which ye are called? If ye Lev. xix. 18. fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," ye o do well; but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted by the Law as 10 transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet falter in one point, has be- Ex. xx. 13. 11 come guilty in respect of all. For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," said also, "Do not kill." Now if thou committest not adultery, yet killest, thou hast become a transgressor of 12 the Law. So speak ye, and so act, as those who 13 are to be judged by a law of liberty. For to him

who showed no mercy, judgment will be without Pro. xxi. 13. mercy; mercy glorieth over judgment.

OF what use is it, my brethren, for any one Matt. vii. 26. if he has not works to say that he has faith? can 15 that faith save him? If a brother or a sister be 16 naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say, "Depart in peace, be warmed and satisfied," yet ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it 17 profit? Even so, faith, if it hath not works, is dead in itself.

Yet some one will say, "Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith apart from thy works, and by my works I will show thee my James iii. 13. 19 faith; believest thou that God is One? thou

doest well; the evil spirits also believe, and Mark i. 24. shudder."

But art thou willing to learn, O vain man, that 21 faith apart from its works is fruitless? Was not Gen. xxii. 9. Abraham our father justified by works, when he

22 offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and

Gen. xv. 6.

that by his works his faith was perfected. And 23 the scripture was fulfilled which saith, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness"; and he was called "Friend of God." Ye see that by works a man is justi-24 fied, and not by faith only.

Josh. ii. 1. } Josh. vi. 17. } Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she received the messengers, and sent them out another way? For as the 26 body apart from the spirit is dead, so likewise faith apart from works is dead.

Matt. xxiii. 8. 1 Kings viii. 46. MY brethren, become not teachers, many of you; knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For in many things we all falter

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Psa. xxxii. o.

judgment. For in many things we all falter.

If any one faltereth not in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. Now, if we put the horses' bits into their mouths, that they may obey us, we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships; though they are so great, and are driven by fierce winds, yet they are turned about by a very small helm, whithersoever the steersman chooseth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how small the fire, how great the forest it kindleth! And the tongue, the world of iniquity; the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and is set on fire by hell, sets itself as a fire among our members.

Pro. xii. 18.

Pro. xvi. 27.

Psa, cxl. 3.

For every kind of beasts, and of flying things, and of creeping things, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed by men; but the 8 tongue no man can tame; a restless evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith we bless the Lord and Father; and therewith we curse men, who are made after the likeness of God. Out of the 1 same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Doth 11 a fountain send forth from the same opening sweet and bitter? Can a fig tree, my brethren, 12 bear olives? or a vine, figs? Nor can salt water produce sweet.

Matt. vii. 16.

Phil. i. 27.

Who among you is a wise man and endued 13 with knowledge? let him show by his good life

14 his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts.

15 glory not, and lie not against the truth. This 1 Cor. iii. 3. wisdom is not that which descendeth from above,

16 but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where envying and strife are, there are confusion and

17 every vile practice. But the wisdom which is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality (a), without hypocrisy; Heb. xii. 11.

18 and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace Gal. v. 22. for those who make peace.

WHENCE come wars, and whence fightings among you? come they not hence, even from your pleasures which make war in your mem-bers? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and are envious, yet cannot obtain: ye fight and war; ye have not, because ye ask not: ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it in your lusts.

Ye adulteresses, know ye not that friendship 1 John ii. 15. with the world is enmity against God? therefore whosoever will be a friend of the world maketh 5 himself into an enemy of God. Or think ye that the scripture saith in vain, "The spirit which He placed in us lusteth enviously"?

6 But He giveth greater grace; wherefore it saith, "Gop resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to

the humble."

Therefore submit yourselves to God. Resist 1 Pet. v. o. 8 the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh 2 Chron. xv. 2. to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, o ve double-minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourn-10 ing, and your joy into heaviness. Humble your-

selves in the sight of the LORD, and He will lift Matt. xxiii. 12. you up.

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. who speaketh evil of a brother, or judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the Law, and judgeth the Law: but if thou judgest the Law, thou art

) Pro. iii. 34. ) Psa. cxxxviii. 6

(a) Or fickleness.

not a doer of the Law, but a judge. There is 12 Matt. x. 28. one Lawgiver and Judge, who is able to save and to destroy: but who art thou, who judgest thy neighbour? GO TO, now, ye who say, To-day or to-morrow 13 we will go into such a city, and continue there a Job vii. 7. year, and trade and get gain. Whereas ye know 14 not what your life will be on the morrow. For ye are a vapour, which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth. Whereas ye ought 15 to say, "If the LORD will, we shall live, and do this or that." But now ye glory in your boast- 16 All such glorying is evil. Therefore to 17 him who knoweth how to do what is good, and Luke xii. 47. doeth it not, to him it is sin. Go to, now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are cankered; and the canker of them will be a Pro. xvi. 27. witness against you, and will devour your flesh as doth fire. Ye heaped up treasure in the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who Jer. xxii. 13. reaped your fields, which was unjustly kept back by you, crieth out; and the cries of those who reaped entered the ears of the Lord of Hosts. Ye lived in pleasure on the earth, and were wanton; ye nourished your hearts, in a day of Luke xvi. 19. 5 Matt. v. 30. slaughter. Ye condemned, ye killed the right-eous one; he doth not resist you. 6 BE patient, therefore, brethren, until the Deut. xi. 14. 7 coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the land, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the later rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts; for the coming of the Rev. iii. 20. Lord draweth nigh. Murmur not one against Q another, brethren, that ye be not judged; behold, the Judge standeth before the door.

Brethren, take, for an example of suffering 10 affliction, and of long patience, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we 11 count those happy who endured. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the

Job i. 21. } Job xlii. 1. } end the Lord made, for the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

But above all other things, my brethren, Matt. v. 34. swear not: not by heaven, nor by the earth, nor with any other oath; but let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; lest ye fall under judgment,

Is any one among you afflicted? let him pray. 2 Chr. xxxiii. 12.

14 Is any one merry? let him sing praise. Is any Eph. v. 19. one sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them, in the name of the Lord, anoint him with oil, and pray over him; 15 and the prayer of faith will save the sick; and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has com-

16 mitted sins, they will be forgiven him. Confess Acts xix, 18. your sins, then, one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

Mighty in its working is a righteous man's Elijah was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and for three years and six months it

18 rained not on the land. And again he prayed, 1 Kings xviii. 42. and the heavens gave rain, and the land brought forth her fruit.

My brethren, if any one among you err from 20 the truth, and any one convert him, know ye, Pro. x. 12. that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

1 Mark vi. 13. Isa. xxxiii. 24.

1 Kings xvii. 1. 1 Kings xviii. 41.

### THE FIRST GENERAL EPISTLE

OF

# **PETER**

Acts viii. 4.	PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus,	I
Eph. i. 4.	Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, unto	2
2 Cor. i. 3.	obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; grace and peace be multiplied unto you. BLESSED be the GOD and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the GOD who, according to His	3
Heb. ix. 15.	abundant mercy, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead begot us again unto a living hope, unto an inheritance incorruptible and un- defiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for you,	4
	who are guarded by the power of God, through	5
Heb. xii. 7.	faith, unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now, for a season (if need be), ye are in	6
James i. 3.	heaviness through manifold trials; that your tested faith, being much more precious than gold, which perisheth though it is tested with	7
1 John iv. 20.	fire, may be found unto glory and praise and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ; whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now	8
	ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.	9
Dan. ix. 3.	Concerning which salvation the prophets who prophesied of the grace which would come to	
2 Pet. i. 21.	you, diligently inquired and searched; searching what time, or what manner of time, the Spirit of	11
Heb. xi. 39.	Christ which was in them signified, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories which would follow. And to them it was revealed, that not to themselves but to you they	12

ministered the things which are now reported to you by those who preached the gospel to you Acts ii. 4. with the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven things into which angels desire to look.

WHEREFORE gird up the loins of your mind, Luke xii. 35. be sober, and hope to the end for the grace 13

which is to be brought to you at the revelation 14 of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashion- Rom. xii. 2.

ing yourselves according to the former lusts of 15 your ignorance; but as he who called you is

holy, so become ye holy in all your behaviour; Lev. xi. 44. 16 because it is written. "Ye shall be holy: for I

am holv.'

And if ye call on the Father, who without re- Phil. ii. 12. spect of persons judgeth according to each man's

work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear; 18 knowing that ye were redeemed not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain course of life received by tradition from

10 your fathers; but with the precious blood of John i. 29. Christ, as of a lamb without spot and without

20 blemish: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at

21 the end of the times, for the sake of you who Matt. xxviii. 18. through him are believers in God who raised him' from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

Seeing that ye have purified your souls in I John iii. 14. obeying the truth, unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love each other from the heart fer-

23 vently; having been born again, not from cor- John i. 13. ruptible seed, but from incorruptible, through

24 the living and abiding word of God. For.

"All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of it is as the flower of

grass. The grass withered,

And the flower fell away; But the word of the Lord abideth for ever."

And this is the word which by the gospel is 2 Pet. i. 10. preached unto you. WHEREFORE putting away all wickedness and

all guile, and hypocrisies and envies, and all evil Matt. xviii. 3. 2 speakings, desire, as new-born babes, the pure

milk of the mind, that ye may grow thereby

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Psa. xxxiv. 8. Psa cxviii 22 unto salvation; if we have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but in Gon's sight chosen, precious, ye also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house, for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Tesus Christ. Wherefore, it is contained in the scripture,

Isa. xxviii. 16.

Behold, I lay in Sion an elect stone, a chief

Isa. xxviii. 16.

corner stone, precious; And he who believeth on him shall not be put to shame."

visitation.

To you therefore who believe, belongs the honour, but to those who believe not,

Psa. cxviii. 22. ( Matt. xxi. 42. 'The stone which the builders rejected,

and

The same is made the head of the corner"

Isa. viii. 14.

"A stone of stumbling and a rock of offence." For they, being disobedient, stumble at the word; whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own people; that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; ye who in 10

Ex. xix. 6.

time past were not a people, but are now the people of GoD; who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Hos. ii. 23.

DEARLY beloved, I beseech you, as strangers 11

Psa. cxix. 10.

and sojourners, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; observing honour- 12 able behaviour among the Gentiles; that in what matter they speak against you as evil-doers, they, because of your good works which they behold, may glorify God in the day of

Matt. v. 16.

Submit yourselves to every appointment of 13 man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as set over us; or to governors, as to those 14

Titus ii. 8.

who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of those who do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing 15 ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish

Gal. v. 13.

men; as free, and not using your liberty for a 16 cloak of vice, but as servants of God. Honour 17

all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Pro. xxiv. 21. John xiii. 35. Honour the king. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also 10 to the froward. For this is acceptable, if a man for conscience towards God endure grief, suffer-20 ing wrongfully. For what merit is there, if when for your faults ye are buffeted ye take it patiently? but if when ye do well and suffer for it Matt. v. 10. ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. 21 For even hereunto ye were called; because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example; that ye should follow the steps of Isa. liii. o. 22 him who did no sin, neither was deceit found in 23 his mouth; who, when he was reviled, reviled not in return; when he suffered, threatened not, Luke xxiii, 46. but committed himself to Him who judgeth 24 righteously. And he himself bore our sins in Isa liii. 12. his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins. should live to righteousness; and by his Isa liii. 5. 25 stripes ye were healed. For ye were going Psa. cxix. 176. astray as sheep; but have now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your Eph. v. 22. husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they may without the word be won by the conduct of 2 the wives, as they behold your pure and reverent 3 conduct. Let not your adorning be the out- 1 Tim. ii. o. ward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wear-4 ing gold or putting on apparel; but rather let it be the character hidden in the heart, in the im- Psa, xxv. o. perishable apparel of the meek and quiet spirit 5 which in the sight of God is of great price. For thus, in old time, the holy women also who trusted in Gop adorned themselves, being in 6 subjection to their own husbands; even as Gen. xviii. 12. Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose children ye became by doing good and not being afraid with any terror. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with your wives Pro. xvii. 13. according to knowledge, giving honour to the woman as to the weaker vessel, as to those who are joint-heirs of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

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Finally, be ye all of one mind, be compas- 1 John iii 18.

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Matt. v. 44.

sionate, love as brethren, be tender-hearted, be lowly-minded; not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise, giving a blessing; because ye were hereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

For,
"He who would enjoy

"He who would enjoy life, And see good days,

Let him refrain his tongue from evil,

And his lips from speaking guile; But let him turn aside from evil,

And do good:

Let him seek peace

And follow after it.
For the eyes of the LORD are over the 12

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righteous, And His ears are open unto their prayer;

But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

And who is he who will harm you if ye be 13 zealous for that which is good? But even if ye 14 suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are ye.

And be not afraid with fear of them, neither be troubled; but sanctify in your hearts the Christ 15 as Lord; being always ready to give an answer to every one who asks you a reason for the hope which is in you; yet with meekness and fear:

having a good conscience; that in what matter 16 ye are spoken against, they who falsely accuse your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed.

For, if the will of God be so, it is better that 17 ye suffer for doing good, than for doing evil. For Christ also once died for sins, the righteous 18 on behalf of the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God, being put to death in the

flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also 19 he went and preached to spirits in prison, who 20 one time had been disobedient—when the long-suffering of God was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared, wherein few

(that is, eight souls) were saved—through water; which also, after a true type, now saveth you, even baptism (not the putting away of the defilement of the flesh, but the seeking after God with a good conscience); through the

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Psa. xxxiv. 13.

Pro. xvi. 7. Isa. viii. 12.

Psa. cxix. 46.

1 Pet. ii. 21.

Gen. vi 3.

Eph. v. 26.

22 resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at the right Eph. i. 21. hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject to him.

FORASMUCH then as Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he who hath suffered in the flesh hath Phil. ii. s.

2 ceased from sin; that he should live the rest of his time in the flesh, no longer to the lusts of 3 men, but to the will of God. For the time past 1 Cor. vi. 11.

is sufficient to have spent in working the will of the Gentiles, while walking in lasciviousness. lusts, excess of wine, revellings, carousings, and 4 profane idolatries; as to which they count it Acts xiii. 45.

strange that ye run not with them to the same s excess of profligacy, speaking evil of you; but

they shall give account to him who is ready to 6 judge the living and the dead. For to this end the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore 8 be sober and watchful unto prayer. Above all other things have fervent love among your-

o selves; for love covereth a multitude of sins. Be Pro. x. 12. hospitable to each other without complaining; Heb. xiii. 2. 10 as each received a gift, ministering the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold

II grace of God. If any one speak, let him speak I Cor. x. 31. as it were oracles of GoD; if any one minister, let him do it as of the ability which God supplieth; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, whose are the glory and the dominion for ever. Amen.

Beloved, let not the fiery trial among you, 1 Cor. iii. 13. which comes to test you, seem strange to you, as if some strange thing were happening to you; 13 but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of

Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye also may rejoice with exceeding joy. 14 If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, Matt. v. 11.

blessed are ve, for the Spirit of glory and of God 15 resteth upon you. For let none of you suffer as

a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil-doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any 16 one suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. For the 17 time has come for judgment to begin at the family of God; and if it begin first at us, what will be the end of those who obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely is saved, 18 where will the ungodly and sinful appear? Wherefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls, in well doing, to a faithful Creator.

Rom. viii. 17.

Isa. x. 12.

Pro. xi. 31.

Psa. xxxi. 5.

THE elders, therefore, among you, I, who am their fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory which will be revealed, exhort: Tend the flock of God which is among you, not as by constraint, but willingly, according to God; not for filthy lucre (a), but of a ready mind; and not as being lords over your charges, but becoming examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye will receive the fadeless crown

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1 Tim. iv. 12.

of glory Pro. iii. 34. Likey

Psa. lv. 22.

James iv. 7.

Heb. xiii. 21.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves to the elder; yea, gird ye all yourselves with humility one towards another; for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon Him; for He careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; him resist, stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world.

And the God of all grace, who called you to 10 His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself, after ye have suffered a little while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. Unto Him 11 the dominion for ever. Amen.

(a) Or base gain.

- BY Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I count 2 Cor. i. 19. him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting,
- and testifying that this is the true grace of God;

  13 unto which stand ye fast. She who is in Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you;

  14 and so doth Mark my son. Salute ye one another with a kiss of love. Peace be with you all who are in Christ.

#### THE SECOND GENERAL EPISTLE

OF

### PETER

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Eph. iv. 5.

Dan. iv. 1.

2 Tim. i. 9.

Heb. xii. 10.

Phil. i. 9.

James i. 4. John xiii. 34.

John xv. 2.

1 John ii. 9.

Rev. xxii. 14.

SYMEON PETER (a), a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who, in the right-eousness of our God and Saviour (b) Jesus Christ, obtained a like precious faith with us: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power hath granted unto us all things which pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue; whereby He hath given to us His precious and exceedingly great promises; that by these ye may become partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world through lust.

AND, for this very reason using all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control; and in your self-control, patience; and in your patience, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these things are in you and abound, they show you to be neither slothful nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

Wherefore, the more, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things ye will never fall; for so will be 11 ministered unto you abundantly an entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

(a) Some MSS. have "Simon Peter." (See note on Acts xv. 14.)

(b) Or our God and the Saviour.

I 2 Wherefore I shall always be ready to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them and are established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it right, as long as I am in this 2 Pet. iii. 1. tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in 14 remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put John xxi. 18.

off my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ 15 showed me. Moreover I will give all diligence

that ye may be able after my decease to have

these things always in remembrance.

For, when we made known to you the power 2 Cor. iv. 2. and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we did not

follow cunningly devised fables, but had been 17 eye-witnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there was borne to him from the resplendent glory such an utterance, "This is My Son, My Matt. iii. 17.

18 beloved, in whom I am well pleased." And

this voice borne from heaven we ourselves heard when we were with him on the holy mount. We have also a surer word of prophecy; Psa. cxix. 105.

whereto ye do well to take heed, as to a lamp which shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of the

21 scripture may be privately interpreted. For prophecy came not at any time by the will of Luke i. 70.

man; but men, being moved by the Holy Spirit,

spoke from God.

But there arose false prophets also among the Deut. xiii. 1. people, even as among you there will be false teachers, who will privily bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord (a) who bought them, and bringing on themselves swift de-2 struction. And many will follow their licentious

ways; by reason of whom the way of truth will 3 be evil spoken of. And through covetousness Jude 4, 7. they will by deceitful utterances make gain of you; but the sentence long ago given against them lingereth not, and their destruction slum-

bereth not.

For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them down to hell, and com-

(a) Or "Master," as in Acts iv. 24, Jude 4, and Rev. vi. 10.

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mitted them to pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world,

bringing in a flood upon the world of the ungodly; yet saved (with seven others) Noah, a herald of righteousness; and burning the cities

of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes, condemned

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Gen. vii. 23. (

Gen. xix. 24.

them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those who should thereafter lead ungodly lives; and delivered righteous Lot distressed with the licentious life of the wicked; (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds:) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of trial, and to reserve the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment; but es- 10 pecially those who walk according to the flesh

in the lust of impurity, and despise authority.

Jude 8, 10.

Heb. xiii. 4.

Psa. xxxiv. 15.

Phil. iii. 10.

Num. xxii. 7.

Eph. iv. 14.

While railing at dignities, they tremble not, being presumptuous, self-willed; whereas angels, 11 though greater in might and power, bring not before the LORD a railing judgment against them. But these, as unreasoning creatures, 12 made naturally to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of things which they understand not, and will also perish in their own corruption, suffering wrong as the reward of wrong-doing. count it pleasure to riot in the daytime; spots they are and blemishes, revelling in their own deceivings (a) while they feast with you; having 14 eves which are full of adultery (b), and cannot cease from sin; alluring unstable souls; having hearts exercised in covetousness; children of a curse; who, leaving the right way, wandered 15 off, having followed the way of Balaam, son of Beor, one who loved the wages of unrighteousness, but was rebuked for his iniquity; a dumb 16

These are wells without water, and mists 17 driven by a storm; to whom the blackness of darkness is reserved. For when they speak great 18

ass speaking with man's voice checked the mad-

ness of the prophet.

<sup>(</sup>a) Some MSS. have "love feasts."

<sup>(</sup>b) Lit. of an adulteress.

swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through wantonness, such as are scarcely escaping from those who live in error.

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the slaves of corruption; for by John viii. 34. whomsoever a man is overcome, to him he is 20 brought into bondage. For if those who, Luke xi. 26. through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ, escaped the pollutions of the world. become again entangled therein and overcome. the last state has become worse with them than

21 the first. For it would be better for them not Pro. xii. 28. to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they had known it, to turn back from the

22 holy commandment delivered to them. It has Pro. xxvi. 11. happened to them according to the true proverb. "A dog turning back to its own vomit," and "A sow which had washed, to wallowing in the mire."

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THIS second epistle, beloved, I now write to you; in both I stir up your sincere mind by way 2 of remembrance; that ye may be heedful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of the Lord 3 and Saviour through your apostles; knowing this first, that scoffers in the last days will come with scoffing, walking according to their own Eze, xii. 22. 4 lusts, and saying. Where is the promise of his coming? for, since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning 5 of the creation. For this they wilfully ignore, that by the word of God there were of old, heavens, and an earth formed out of water and

6 by means of water; whereby the world which then was, being overflowed with water, per-7 ished; but the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word have been stored with fire, being kept unto a day of judgment and of destruction of ungodly men.

But, beloved, be not unmindful of this one Psa. xc. 4 thing, that one day is with the LORD as a thousand years, and a thousand years are as one day. o The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as

some men count slackness; but is long-suffering

Gen. i. 1.

Psa. cii. 26.

towards you, wishing not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But, ro like a thief, a day of the LORD will come, in which the heavens will pass away with a rushing noise, while elements burning with fervent heat will be dissolved; and the earth and the works which are therein will be disclosed (a).

John xv. 12.

Seeing that all these things are being thus dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and 12 hastening the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved, and elements burning with fervent heat are melting away? But we, according to 13 His promise, are looking for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Isa. lxv. 17. | Isa. lxvi. 12. |

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for 14 such things, be diligent that ye may be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless. And 15 account the long-suffering of our LORD to be for salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given him wrote to you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in 16 them of these things; wherein are some matters hard to be understood, which those who are unlearned and unstable pervert to their own

John xvi. 13.

destruction, as they do also the other Scriptures.
Ye therefore, beloved, seeing that ye know 17
these things beforehand, beware lest ye, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. But grow in grace, and 18 in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever,

2 Tim. iv. 18.

Col. i. 23.

(a) Lit. found; some MSS. have "burnt up."

#### THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL

OF

## **JOHN**

fested, and we have seen it, and bear testimony, and declare to you the eternal life which was

THAT which was from the beginning, which John i. i. we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon, and our hands Luke xxiv. 30.

felt, of the word of life;—and the life was mani- John xvii. 3.

		with the Father, and was manifested to us;-	
	3	that which we have seen and heard we declare	John xvii. 21.
		to you also, that ye also may have fellowship	
		with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And	T-1
	4	these things we write, that our joy may be	John Xv. 11.
		fulfilled.	
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	3	from him, and declare to you: God is light, and	Tim vi 16.
	•	in Him there is no darkness at all.	
	6	If we say that we have fellowship with Him,	Eph. i. 7.
		yet walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the	• •
	7	truth; but if we walk in the light as He is in	
		the light, we have fellowship one with another,	Heb. ix. 14.
		and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us	
		from all sin.	_
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	9	ing ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive	T-1
		us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unright-	JOD XXXIII. 27.
	10	eousness. If we say, "We have not sinned,"	
		we call Him a liar, and His word is not in us.	
2	1	My little children, these things I write to you,	
•		that ye may not sin. And if any one sin, we have	
		an Advocate (a) with the Father, Jesus Christ	Rom. viii. 34
	, 2	the righteous; and he is the propitiation (b)	John xiv. 16.
		(a) Or Comforter; Gr. Paraclete. (b) Or atonement.	

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Rom. iii. 25.

for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.

Luke vi. 46.

And if we are keeping his commandments we thereby perceive that we know him. 'He who' saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily the love of (a) God has been perfected; hereby we know that we are in him. He who saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.

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John xiii. 34.

2 Pet. i. o.

Pro. iv. 25.

Psa. xxv. 11.

Eph. vi. 10.

2 Pet. ii. 10.

Beloved. I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which ve had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ve heard. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is now shining. He who saith that he is in the light, yet hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He who 10 loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is in him no occasion of stumbling. But he who II hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth,

because the darkness blinded his eyes. I write to you, little children, because your 12 sins have been forgiven you for his name's sake. I write to you, fathers, because ye have known 13 Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I have written to you, little children, because ye know the Father. written to you, fathers, because ye have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Love not the world, neither the things which 15 are in the world. If any one loveth the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all 16 that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not from the Father, but is of the world. And the world 17

(a) Or for.

with the lust thereof passeth away; but he who doeth the will of GoD abideth for ever.

Children, it is a last hour; and as ye heard that an antichrist cometh, even now there have arisen many antichrists; whereby we know that

19 it is a last hour. They went out from us, but 2 Tim. ii. 19. were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that it might be made manifest that not one of them is of us.

And ye have an anointing from the Holy One, 2 Cor. i. 21. 21 and ye all know the truth. I have written to you, not because ye know it not, but because ye

22 know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who I John iv. 3. is the liar but he who denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, even he who

23 denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, neither hath he the Father: he who acknowledgeth the Son, hath the Father also.

As for you, let that abide in you, which ye 2 John 6. heard from the beginning. If that which ye heard from the beginning shall abide in you, ye also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise which he himself pro- John xvii. 3. mised us, even the eternal life.

These things I have written unto you concern-27 ing those who would seduce you. But the John xiv, 26. anointing which ye received from him abideth in you, and ye need not that any one teach you; but as his anointing teacheth you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, if he shall appear, we may have confidence, and 20 not shrink ashamed from him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every Jer. xiii. 23.

one also who doeth righteousness has been begotten of him.

1 Behold, what great love the Father hath be- Eph. ii. 4. stowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world knoweth us not, because it knew not him.

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2 Beloved, we are now children of God, and it Job xix. 26. doth not yet appear what we shall be; we know

Matt. v. 8. Matt. v. 48. that if he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every one who hath this hope set on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

3 Every one who doeth sin doeth also lawless-

Heb. ix. 26.

he was manifested to take away sins; and in him is no sin. Every one who abideth in him sinneth not; every one who sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children,

ness; and sin is lawlessness. And ye know that 5 6

Isa. liii. 4. John viii. 44.

let no one deceive you; he who doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. who committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this pur-

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1 Pet. i. 23.

pose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Every one who is begotten of God committeth not sin; for God's seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he has been begotten of God. In ro

this the children of God are manifested, and the children of the devil. No one who doeth not

righteousness is of God, neither is he who loveth not his brother.

For this is the message ye heard from the be- 11

ginning, that we should love each other; not as 12 Cain was of the wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

Marvel not, brethren, if the world hates you, 13 We know that we have passed from death to 14 life, because we love the brethren. He who

loveth not abideth in death. Every one who 15 hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in

Hereby we know what love is, because Christ 16 laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay

down our lives for the brethren. But whoso 17 hath the good things of this world, and seeth his brother have need, and yet shutteth up his tender compassion from him, how abideth the

love of God in him? Little children, let us not 18 love with word, neither with the tongue; but in

deed and truth. Hereby we shall know that we 19 are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts be-

John xv. 12. Gen. iv. 8. Num. xxii. Num. xvi. 1.

Matt. v. 21.

Deut. xv. 7.

John xiii, 35.

20 fore him, in whatsoever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and knoweth

21 all things. Beloved, if our hearts condemn us

22 not, then we have confidence towards GoD; and whatsoever we ask, we receive from Him, be- Psa. cxlv. 18. cause we keep His commandments and do those

23 things which are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ; and love each

24 other, as He gave us commandment. And he Rom. viii. 9. who keepeth His commandments abideth in God, and God in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He gave us.

4 BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try Jer. xxix. 8. the spirits whether they are from GoD; because 2 Pet. ii. 18. many false prophets have gone out into the world. Hereby ye know the Spirit of God:

Any spirit which confesseth Jesus Christ as I Cor. xii. 3.

3 having come in the flesh, is from God; and any spirit which confesseth not Jesus, is not from God; and this is the spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it cometh; and now it is already in the world.

Ye are from God, little children, and them ye have overcome; because He who is in you is Rom. viii. 37.

5 greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the

6 world, and the world heareth them. We are from God; he who knoweth God heareth us; he who is not from God heareth us not. Hereby Isa. viii. 20. we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is from God; and every one who loveth has been 8 begotten of God, and knoweth God. He who

9 loveth not knew not GoD; for GoD is love. In this the love of God was manifested in us, in John iii. 16.

that God hath sent His only begotten Son into the world that we may live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the

11 propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so Matt. xviii. 33.

12 loved us, we ought also to love each other. No

John xiv. 20.

Rom. x. 8.

John xv. 16.

John xiii. 34.

John i. 12.

John xiv. 15.

1 Cor. xv. 57.

one hath seen God at any time. If we love each other, God abideth in us, and His love is perfected in us. Hereby we know that we abide 13 in Him and He abideth in us, because He hath

given us of His Spirit.

And we have seen and testify that the Father 14 hath sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son 15 of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. And we have known and have believed the love 16 which Gop hath in us. Gop is love; and he who abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. Herein love has been made 17 perfect with us, that in the day of judgment we may have confidence; in that as he is, so are we There is no fear in love; but 18 in this world. perfect love casteth out fear; for fear bringeth punishment, and he who feareth has not been made perfect in love. We love, because He 10 first loved us.

If a man hateth his brother, and saith, "I love 20 God," he is a liar; for he who loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, cannot (a) love God whom he hath not seen; and we have this com- 21 mandment from Him, that whose leveth God,

the same should also love his brother.

EVERY one who believeth that Jesus is the Christ, has been begotten of God; and every one who loveth Him who begat loveth him who is begotten of Him.

Whenever we love God and do His commandments, we thereby know that we love the children of God. For this is love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of Gop overcometh the world; and this is the victory which overcame the world, even our faith. Who is he who overcometh the world, but he who believeth that Jesus is the Son of Gon?

This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not in the water only, but in the water and in the blood. And it is the Spirit that

John xix. 34.

(a) Or (according to some ancient MSS.), How can He.

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8\* beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and the three agree in

o one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is

10 this, that He hath borne witness of His Son. He Rom. viii. 16. who believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he who believeth not God, hath called Him a liar: because he believeth not the witness which God gave concerning His Son.

II And this is the witness, that God hath given to John i 4. 12 us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He John v. 24. who hath the Son hath life; and he who hath not the Son of Gop hath not life.

THESE things I have written to you who be- John xx. 31. lieve in the name of the Son of Goo, that ye may

14 know that ye have eternal life. And this is the confidence which we have towards Him, that if we ask any thing according to His will. He

15 heareth us; and if we know that He heareth us. whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the Pro. xv. 20. petitions which we have asked of Him.

If any one see his brother committing a sinwhich is not unto death, he shall ask, and God will give him life for those who sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I say not that he should make request concerning that.

17 All unrighteousness is sin; and there is a sin Rom, v. 20. which is not unto death.

We know that every one who is begotten of 18 God sinneth not: but he who was begotten of James i. 27. God keepeth him (a), and the evil one toucheth

19 him not. And we know that we are from God, 20 and the whole world lieth in the evil one. And Luke xxiv. 25. we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we, in His Son Jesus Christ, are in Him who is true. He is the true Gop, and eternal life.

Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 Cor. x. 14.

\* Verse 7, which appears in no ancient MS., is now generally regarded as spurious. It is also omitted from the Revised Version.

(a) Or himself, "he who" in text standing for Jesus Christ.

#### THE SECOND EPISTLE OF

### **JOHN**

THE Elder unto the elect lady and her child-	1
ren, whom I love in truth (and not I only, but also all who know the truth) for the truth's	2
sake which dwelleth in us and will be with us	
for ever. Grace, mercy, and peace will be with	3
us, from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ,	·
the Son of the Father, in truth and love.	
I rejoiced greatly that I found some of thy	4
children walking in the truth, as we received	
commandment from the Father.	
And now I beseech thee, Lady, as writing to	5
thee no new commandment, but that which we	
had from the beginning—that we love one an-	,
other. And this is love, that we walk according	6
to His commandments. This is the command-	
ment in which ye are to walk, as ye heard from the beginning. For many deceivers went forth	_
into the world, 'they who confess not Jesus	7
Christ as coming in the flesh. Such is the de-	
ceiver and the antichrist.	
Look to yourselves, that ye lose not those	8
things which we wrought, but that ye receive a	Ŭ
full reward. Whosoever goeth forward, and	9
abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not	,
God. He who abideth in the doctrine hath both	
the Father and the Son. If any one come to	10
you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not	
into your house, neither wish him GoD speed;	
for he who wisheth him God speed is partaker	11
of his evil deeds.	
Having many things to say to you, I would	12
not do so with paper and ink; but I trust to be	
with you and speak face to face, that our joy	

1 John iii. 23.

John xiv. 15. 1 John iv. 1.

Mark xiii. 9.

John xv. 6.

Gal. i. 8.

1 Tim. v. 22.

1 John i. 4.

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The children of thy elect sister salute thee.

may be fulfilled.

#### THE THIRD EPISTLE OF

### JOHN

THE Elder to Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth: Beloved, in all things I wish that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as

3 thy soul prospereth. For I greatly rejoiced 2 John 4. when brethren came and testified to thy truth,

4 even as thou walkest in truth. I have no greater joy than this, that I may hear of my Pro. xxiii. 24. children walking in the truth.

Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever 1 Pet. iv. 10. thou doest to the brethren, even when strangers;

6 who bore testimony of thy love before the church; whom thou wilt do well to send forward Acts xv. 3.

7 on their journey worthily of GoD; because for the Name's sake they went forth, taking nothing

8 from the Gentiles. We therefore ought to Matt. x. 40. receive such, that we may be fellow-workers

with the truth. I have written somewhat to the church; but

Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence 10 among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I Pro. x. 8, come, I will bring to remembrance his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words; and not content therewith, he himself refuseth to receive the brethren, and those who would he forbiddeth, and casteth out of the church.

Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but Psa. xxxvii. 27 that which is good. He who doeth good is from I John iii. 6. Gop; he who doeth evil hath not seen Gop.

Demetrius hath good report from all men, and from the truth itself; yea, we also bear record; and thou knowest that our record is true.

I had many things to write to thee, but I am not minded to write to thee with pen and ink;

14 but I trust that shortly I shall see thee; and we will speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Salute the friends by name.

### THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JUDAS

#### COMMONIA CALLED

# JUDE

Rom. viii. 30.
Titus i. 4.
Gal. ii. 5.

2 Pet. ii. 1.

1 Cor. x. 5.

Rev. xx. 10. Gen. xix. 24.

Dan. xii. 1. Zec. iii. 2.

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JUDAS, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are beloved in Gon the Father, and preserved for Jesus Christ, being called; mercy, and peace, and love be multi-	1
plied to you.  Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write to you of our common salvation, I was com-	
pelled to write to you to exhort you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all	
delivered to the saints. For certain men crept in unawares, who were of old ordained to this	4
condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.	
But I desire to remind you, who know all things once for all, that the LORD, having saved	
the people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed those who believed not. And angels who kept not their first estate, but left their own	•
habitation. He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the	
Great Day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities about them in like manner, having	;
committed fornication, and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, undergoing the	
vengeance of eternal fire.  Yet likewise also these in their dreamings defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when,	8
of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when, contending with the devil, he disputed about the	ç
body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The LORD rebuke	
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which, as brute beasts, they know naturally, in II those things they corrupt themselves. Alas for them! for they went in the way of Cain, and ran greedily in the error of Balaam for reward, and Num. xxii 7.

perished in the gainsaying of Korah.

These are they who as hidden rocks in your love-feasts feast themselves without fear, tending themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; trees of autumn, without fruit,

13 twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging Isa. lvii. 20. waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the black-

ness of darkness for ever.

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, Zec. xiv. 5. prophesied to these, saying, "Behold, the LORD 15 cometh with tens of thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, and to convict all who are ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they impiously committed, and of all the hard Psa. lxxiii. o. speeches which ungodly sinners spoke against

Him."

These are murmurers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and their mouths speak great swelling words, admiring persons for the sake of gain.

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord

18 Jesus Christ; that they told you, "At the end 1 Tim. iv. 1. of the time there will be mockers, walking ac-19 cording to their own ungodly lusts." These are they who make separations, fleshly, not having

the Spirit.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your Col. ii. 7. 21 most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep John xv. 4. yourselves in the love of God, looking for the Titus ii. 13. mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

22 And to some who are at variance, be merciful (a); { Zec. iii. 2. 23 save them, pulling them out of the fire; to others be merciful with fear; hating even the Rom. xvi. 25. garment spotted by the flesh.

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling (b), and to present you without spot

<sup>(</sup>a) The text here is very uncertain.(b) Lit. tripping.

1 Tim. i. 17.

before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus 25 Christ our Lord, belong (a) glory, majesty, dominion, and power, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.

(a) Or be.

#### THE REVELATION

#### OF JESUS CHRIST TO

### - IOHN

REVELATION from Jesus Christ, which 1 God gave him, to show to his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel to his servant 2 John; who testified the word of God, and the

testimony of Jesus Christ, whatsoever things he

3 saw. He who readeth and they who hear the Luke xi. 28. words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein, blessed are they; for James v. 8. the season is at hand.

JOHN to the seven churches in Asia: Grace to you and peace from "He who is, and who was, and who is to come"; and from the seven spirits

5 which are before His throne; and from Jesus John viii. 14. Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him who loveth us, and freed us from our

6 sins by his own blood, and made us a kingdom, Ex. xix. 6. priests to God even his Father; unto him the glory and the dominion for ever. Amen.

Behold, he cometh with the clouds; and every eye will see him, even they who pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth will wail over him. Even so. Amen.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, saith the JIsa. xli. 4. LORD GOD, He who is, and who was, and who is \ Isa. xliv. 6. to come, the Almighty.

I JOHN, your brother, and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience in Jesus, was in the isle called Patmos, for the word of 10 God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the

Dan. vii. 13.

2 Cor. xii. 2.

Spirit on the Lord's day (a), and heard behind me a loud voice as of a trumpet, saying: What II thou seest write into a book, and send to the seven churches—to Ephesus, and to Smyrpa, and to Pergamus, and to Thyatira; and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.

Zec. iv. 2.

AND I turned to see what voice was speaking 12 And having turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands; and in the midst of the lamp- 13 stands, one like unto a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the feet, and girt about the breast with a golden girdle. His head and his 14 hair were white like white wool, like snow; and his eyes were like a flame of fire; and his feet 15 like burnished brass, as if it had been burnt in a furnace; and his voice was like the voice of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven 16 stars; and from his mouth came forth a sharp two-edged sword; and his countenance was like the sun when it shineth in its strength, when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not;

Eze. i. 27. Eze. xliii. 2.

Dan. vii. o.

Isa, xlix, 2.

Dan. x. 8.

Luke xxiv. 5.

WRITE, therefore, what thou didst see, and 10 the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; the mystery (b) of the seven stars 20 which thou didst see upon my right hand, and the seven golden lamp-stands. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven lamp-stands are the seven churches.

I am the First and the Last, and the Living One; 18

and I became dead, and, lo, I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of death and of Hades.

Matt. v. 15. Phil. ii. 15.

Deut. xxiii. 14.

1 John iv. 1.

Gal. vi. 9.

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:— These things saith he who holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden lamp-stands: I know thy works, and thy labour and patience, and how thou canst not bear those who are evil. thou didst try those who say they are apostles, but are not, and didst find them liars; and thou hast patience, and didst endure for my name's sake and hast not grown weary. But I have

(a) Or in the day of the Lord. (b) Or secret meaning.

against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. 5 Remember therefore whence thou hast fallen, and repent, and do the first works; else I am Jer. ii. 2. coming to thee; and I will remove thy lamp-

6 stand out of its place, unless thou repent. But Matt. xxi. 41. this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the 7 Nicolaitans: which I also hate. He who hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the Matt. xi. 15. churches. To him who overcometh I will grant to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the Para- Gen. ii. o.

AND to the angel of the church in SMYRNA write:--These things saith the First and the Last, who

dise of God.

o became dead, and is alive: I know thy tribula- 1 Tim. vi. 18. tion and thy poverty (but thou art rich), and the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews, 10 and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Fear Rom. ii. 28. not those things which thou art about to suffer;

behold, the devil will cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tested; and ye will have tribulation ten days. Show thyself faithful unto Matt. x. 22. death, and I will give thee the crown of Life. 11 He who hath an ear, let him hear what the James i, 12.

Spirit saith to the churches, He who over- Rev. xx. 14. cometh shall not be hurt by the second death.

And to the angel of the church in Pergamus write:-

These things saith he who hath the sharp two-13 edged sword: I know where thou dwellest, even where Satan's throne is; and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one 2 Tim. ii. 12. who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee, because J Num. xxv. 2. thou hast there those who hold the teaching of Num. xxxi. 16. Balaam, the man who taught Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel. that they might eat things sacrificed unto idols, 15 and commit fornication. So thou hast also

those who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans 16 to a like effect. Repent, therefore; else I am Isa, xi, 4.

coming to thee quickly, and will make war 17 against them with the sword of my mouth. He Psa. xxv. 14.

who hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit

saith to the churches. To him who overcometh I will give of the hidden manna and will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written, which no one knoweth except him who receiveth it.

eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like

AND to the angel of the church in THYATIRA 18 These things saith the Son of God, who hath

write:-

write:-

burnished brass: I know thy works, and thy 19 love and faith and ministry and patience, and thy last works more than the first. Notwith- 20 1 Kings xvi. 31.

Rom. ii. 4.

1 Kings xxi. 23. 2 Kings ix. 33.

ler. xvii. 10.

2 Thess. ii. 9.

Psa. ii. o.

Rev. xxii. 16. Rev. v. 6.

1 Tim. v. 6.

standing. I have somewhat against thee, because thou sufferest the woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess; and she teacheth and seduceth my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her time to repent, and she willeth 21 not to repent of her fornication. Behold, I am 22 casting her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. And I will slay her 23 children with pestilence; and all the churches shall know that I am he who searcheth the thoughts and hearts; and I will give to each of you according to his works. But I say to you, 24 the remnant in Thyatira, as many as hold not this teaching, who know not (as men say) the depths of Satan: I put on you no fresh burden; only, that which ye hold, hold fast till I come. 25 And he who overcometh, and keepeth my works 26 unto the end, to him I will give, even as I have received it from my Father, authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of 27 iron, as the vessels of a potter are broken to shivers. And I will give him the morning star. He who hath an ear, let him hear what the 29 Spirit saith to the churches. And to the angel of the church in Sardis

These things saith he who hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, yet art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, which were ready to die:

for I have not found thy works perfect before my Remember therefore how thou hast re- Heb. ii. I. ceived and didst hear; and hold it fast and repent. If therefore thou wilt not watch, I will Rev. xvi. 15. come as doth a thief, and thou shalt not know at 4 what hour I will come upon thee. Yet thou hast a few names in Sardis who defiled not their garments: and they shall walk with me in white: 5 for they are worthy. He who overcometh shall be clothed thus in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the Book of Life; and I will Luke xii. 8. acknowledge his name before my Father, and 6 before His angels. He who hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. AND to the angel of the church in PHILADEL-PHIA write:-These things, saith the Holy One, the true, { Isa. xxii. 22. he who hath the key of David, he who openeth { Job xii. 14. and no one shall shut, and shutteth and no one 8 openeth: I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, which no one can shut; for thou hast a little strength, and didst keep 9 my word, and didst not deny my name. Behold Isa. lx. 14. I cause some of the synagogue of Satan-of those who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie-behold, I will cause them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I loved 10 thee. Because thou didst keep the word of my 2 Pet. ii. 9. patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, the hour which will come upon all the Zeph. i. 14. 11 world to try those who dwell upon the earth. come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, 12 that no one take thy crown. He who overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of my God, and he shall no more go out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and Rev. xxi. 2. the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new

These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of the creation of GoD:

AND to the angel of the church in LAODICEA Isa, Ixv. 16.

13 name. He who hath an ear, let him hear what

the Spirit saith to the churches.

write:-

1 Kings xviii. 12.

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor 15 hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then 16 because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am ready to spew thee out of my mouth.

Hos. xii. 8.

Because thou sayest, "I am rich and have gained 17 riches and have need of nothing"; and knowest not that thou art the wretched, and poor and

Isa. lv. 1.

blind, and naked one; I counsel thee to buy of 18 me gold refined from the fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness may not appear; and eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see. As 19

Pro. iii. 11.

anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see. As 19 many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the 20 door and knock; if any one hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup

Psa. cx. 1.

with him, and he with me. He who overcometh, 21 I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, even as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father on His throne. He who hath an ear. let 22

Rev. ii. 7.

him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

AFTER this I looked, and, behold, a door set

Rev. xi. 12.

open in heaven; and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet speaking with me, saying, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

Eze. i. 26.

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and, behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and One was sitting upon the throne. And He who sat was, to 3

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look upon, like a jasper stone and a sardius; and round about the throne there was a rainbow, in appearance like an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty thrones; and upon the thrones were sitting four and twenty elders, clothed in white raiment; and upon their heads were crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thun-

Ex. xix. 16.

throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunderings. And there are seven torches of fire burning before the throne; these are the seven spirits of God. And before the throne there is as it were a sea of glass like crystal; and in the

Eze. i. 22. Ex. xxiv. 10. Eze. x. 12.

midst of the throne, and round about it, are four living beings full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first being is like a lion, and the second is like a calf, and the third has a face like that Eze, i. 10. of a man, and the fourth is like a flying eagle.

8 And the four living beings have each of them six Isa. vi. 2. wings; and they are full of eyes around and within. And they cease not day and night. saying,

Holy, holy, holy,

LORD GOD, the Almighty.

Who was, and is, and is to come!

And whenever the living beings give glory and honour and thanks to Him who sitteth upon the Rev. v. 14. throne, who liveth for ever, the four and twenty 10 elders will fall down before Him who sitteth upon the throne, and will worship Him who liveth for ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saving,

Thou art worthy, our Lord and our God, 11 To receive glory and honour and power; For Thou didst create all things, And for Thy pleasure they were, and were created.

5 AND I saw in the right hand of Him who Eze, ii. o. sitteth upon the throne a book written within and

2 without, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice: Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the 3 seals thereof? And no one in heaven or on

earth or under the earth was able to open the 4 book, or to look thereon. And I was weeping Gen. xlix. o.

much, because no one was found worthy to open 5 the book, or to look thereon. And one of the elders said to me, Weep not; behold, the Lion which is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and the seven seals thereof.

And I saw in the midst of the throne and of Zec. iv. 10. the four living beings, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as if it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes-which are the seven spirits of Gop sent forth into all the 7 earth. And he came; and he hath taken it out of the right hand of Him who sitteth upon the throne.

2 Chron. xvi. 9.

Psa. cxli. 2.

Ex. xix. 6.

Dan. vii. 10.

And when he had taken the book, the four living beings and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

Thou art worthy to take the book,

And to open the seals thereof;

For thou wast slain:

And didst purchase for God by thy blood, Out of every kindred, and tongue,

And people, and nation:

And thou madest them kings and priests 10 to our God;

And they will reign on the earth.

And I beheld; and I heard a voice, of many 11 angels round about the throne, and of the living beings and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; they were saying with 12 a loud voice.

The Lamb which was slain is worthy To receive power, and riches, and wisdom, And strength, and honour,

And glory, and blessing.

Phil. ii. 10. A1

And I heard every creature which is in heaven, 13 and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all which are in them, as they said, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him who sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever. And the four living beings said, Amen; and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Rev. xix. 4.

Rev. v. 5.

Zec. vi. 3. Isa. xlv. 3. AND I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living beings say, as with a sound of thunder, Come. And I saw, and, behold, a white horse; and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given him; and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living being say, Come. And there went out another horse, red; and to him who sat thereon it was granted to take peace from

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the earth, and that men should kill each other;

and there was given him a great sword.

And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living being say, Come. And I saw, and, behold, a black horse; and he who sat thereon 6 had a balance in his hand. And I heard in the Rev. ix. 4. midst of the four living beings as it were a voice, saying. A quart of wheat for a shilling (a), and three quarts of barley for a shilling (a); and see that thou damage not the oil and the wine.

And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living being as he said,

8 Come. And I saw, and, behold, a pale horse, Eze, xiv, 21. and the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades was following with him. And authority was given them over the fourth part of the earth, to slay with sword, and hunger, and pestilence, and by the beasts of the earth.

And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw beneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony 10 which they held; and they cried with a loud Zec, i. 12. voice, How long, dost Thou, the Sovereign (b), the holy and true, refrain from judging, and from avenging our blood on those who dwell on 11 the earth? And a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them, that they Heb. xi. 40. should rest yet a little while, until the number of their fellowservants also and of their brethren, who would be killed even as they had been,

should be completed. And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there followed a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the 13 whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the heavens fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casteth its unripe figs when it is shaken by a 14 mighty wind. And the heavens were withdrawn as a scroll when it is being rolled up; and all the mountains and islands were moved out 15 of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the chief captains, and the rich men, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves

(b) Gr. despot, lit. master.

Isa. xxiv. 18. Isa. xxiv. 23. Isa. xiii. 13. Hag. ii. 6. Joel ii. 51. Isa. xxxiv. 4.

Psa. cii. 26. Isa. xxxiv. 4. Heb. i. 12.

Isa. ii. 9. ∤ Isa. ii. 19. Hos. x. 8.

(a) Or a denarius.

Isa. xiii. 13. ) Psa. cx. 5. Joel ii. 11.

in the caverns and in the rocks of the mountains. and said to the mountains and rocks. Fall on us. 16 and hide us from the face of Him who sitteth upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come; and 17 who is able to stand?

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Eze. ix. 2.

AFTER this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or against any tree. And I saw ascend from the sunrising another angel, who had a seal of the living GoD; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to injure the earth and the sea. Injure not the earth, or the sea, or the trees. till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.

Eze. ix. 14.

And I heard the number of those who were sealed; a hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Rev. xiv. 1.

Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve

thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand.

Of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand.

AFTER this I saw, and, behold, a great multitude which no one could number, out of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and having palm branches in their hands; and they cried with a 10

Zec iv. 7.

Rom. xi. 25.

loud voice, saving, Salvation unto our God who sitteth upon the throne.

And unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels were standing round about the throne and the elders and the four living beings; and they fell on their faces before the

12 throne and worshipped God, saying,

Jude 25.

Amen: Blessing and glory and wisdom And thanksgiving and honour And power and might Unto our God for ever! Amen.

And one of the elders spoke, saying to me, These arrayed in the white robes, who are they? 14 and whence came they? And I said to him, My

lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, They John xvi. 33. are those who come out of the great tribulation; and they washed their robes and made them 15 white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore

they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His sanctuary; and He Rev. xxi. 3. who sitteth on the throne will spread His taber-

16 nacle over them. They shall not hunger any Isa. xlix. 10. more, nor thirst any more; nor shall the sun Isa. xxv. 8.

17 strike on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will lead them to living fountains of waters; and Gop will wipe away every tear from their eves.

AND when he opened the seventh seal, there Rev. v. 1. was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given to having a golden censer; and there was given to him much incense, that he should add it to the Ex. xxx. 8. Psa. cxli. 2. prayers of all the saints, upon the golden altar 4 which is before the throne. And the smoke of

the incense ascended before Gop from the angel's hand with (a) the prayers of the saints. 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it from Eze. x. 2. the fire of the altar, and cast it upon the earth;

and there followed thunderings, and voices, and 6 lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels who have the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

And the first sounded; and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth; and the third part of the earth was burnt up and the third part of the trees were burnt up, and all the green grass was burnt up.

AND the second angel sounded; and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea; and the third part of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

AND the third angel sounded; and there fell a 10 great star from the heavens, burning like a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters; and the name of the star is Wormwood; and the third part of 11 the waters became wormwood; and from the waters, because they were made bitter, many of mankind died.

AND the fourth angel sounded; and the third 12 part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them might be darkened. and the day might not shine for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

And I beheld, and heard an eagle (a) flying in 13 mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, Alas, Alas, Alas for the inhabitants of the earth, by reason of the rest of the sounds of the trumpet, of the three angels who are about to sound!

AND the fifth angel sounded; and I saw a star - 1 fall from the heavens to the earth: and there was given him the key of the pit of the abyss. And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there arose out of the pit a smoke, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit; and out of the smoke there came locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given authority, as the scorpions

(a) Or angel (but the reading in the text is now generally accepted).

Ex. vii. 20.

Joel ii. 30. } Ex. ix. 23. }

Jer. ix. 15.

Eze, xxxii, 7. Isa. xiii. 10.

Rev. xiv. 6.

Luke x. 18. Rev. xvii. 8.

Joel ii. 2.

4 of the earth have authority. And it was told Eze, ix, 6. them that they should hurt not the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree; but only those men who have not the seal of God upon 5 their foreheads. And a charge was given them that they should not kill these men, but should torment them five months; and the torment they inflict is like the torment from a scorpion 6 when it has struck a man. And in those days Jer. viii. 3. men will seek death, and shall in no wise find it: and will desire to die, and death fleeth from

And in likeness the locusts were like horses Joel ii. 4. made ready for battle, and there were on their Dan, vii. 4. heads as it were crowns like gold, and their

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8 faces were like the faces of men. And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were Psa, lvii, 4.

o like the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of

10 chariots, of many horses rushing to war. And Nah, ii. 4. they have tails like those of scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for

11 five months. They have as king over them the Eph. ii. 2. angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he hath the name Rev. viii, 13. Apollyon (a).

I 2 One woe is past; behold, there come two more woes hereafter.

And the sixth angel sounded; and I heard from the four horns of the golden altar which is before

14 God, a voice saying to the sixth angel who hath the trumpet, Loose the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.

And the four angels were loosed, who were prepared for that hour and day and month and year.

16 to slay the third part of men. And the number Psa. lxviii. 17. of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand: I heard their

17 number. And thus in the vision I saw the 1 Chron. xii. 8. horses, and those who sat upon them having Isa, v. 28. breastplates of fire and of jacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses were like the

Gen. ii. 14.

(a) Or Destroyer.

heads of lions, and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

Through these three scourges the third part of 18 men were killed, by the fire, and the smoke, and the brimstone, which issued from their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths, 10 and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents,

having heads, and with them they hurt.

And the rest of mankind who were not killed 20 by these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should refrain from worshipping the evil spirits, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood. which cannot see or hear or walk; neither re- 21 pented they of their murders, or of their sorceries, or of their fornication, or of their thefts.

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was on his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet were like pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little book set open; and he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as a lion roareth; and when he had cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up those things which the seven

thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the land lifted up his right hand to the heavens, and swore by Him who liveth for ever, who created the heavens and the things which are therein, and the earth and the things which are therein, and the sea and the things which are therein, that there shall be delay (a) no longer; but that in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery (b) of God shall be finished, even as He declared the good news to His servants the prophets.

And the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard it speaking with me again, saying, Go, take the book which is set open in the hand of

(a) Or time.

(b) Or secret purpose.

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Psa. cxv. 4. Psa. cxxxv. 15.

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Dan. viii. 26.

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Rev. xi. 15.

Eze. ii. 8.

the angel who standeth on the sea and on the And I went my way to the angel, telling Eze. iii. 1. him to give me the little book. And he said to me, Take it, and eat it up; and it will make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it will be as sweet to as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey; and when I had 11 eaten it, my belly was made bitter. And they said to me, Thou must prophesy again before Jer. i. 9. many peoples and nations and tongues and

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kings. AND there was given me a reed like a rod, and one said. Rise, and measure the sanctuary of Gop, and the altar, and those who worship 2 therein. But the court which is outside the sanctuary, exclude it, and measure it not, for it Dan, vii. 25.

Eze. xl. 3. Eze. xli. 13.

is given to the Gentiles; and they will tread the 3 Holy City under foot forty-two months. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy for one thousand two hundred and

4 sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the Zec. iv. 11. two olive trees, and the two lamp-stands which s stand before the Lord of the earth. And if any 2 Kings i. o. one seeks to hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their

mouths, and devoureth their enemies; and if any one shall seek to hurt them, he must in this 6 manner be slain. These have authority to shut I Kings XVII. 1. the heavens, that it rain not in the days of their

prophecy; and have authority over the waters Ex. vii. 20. to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth 7 with every plague, as often as they will. And Dan, vii, 21, when they shall have finished their testimony,

the beast which ascendeth out of the abyss will make war against them, and will overcome them 8 and kill them. And their dead bodies lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is

called Sodom and Egypt; where also their Lord o was crucified. And men from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations look upon their dead bodies three days and a half, and suffer not their dead bodies to be put into Psa. lxxix. 3.

And those who dwell upon the earth rejoice over them, and make merry; and they will 497

send gifts to each other; because these two prophets tormented those who dwell upon the earth.

Eze. xxxvii. 5.

And after the three days and a half, a spirit of 11 life from God entered them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon those who beheld them. And they heard a loud 12 voice from heaven saying to them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in the

1 Thess. iv. 17. Mal. iii. 18.

cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour there came a great earth- 13 quake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain seven thousand per-

sons; and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the Gop of heaven. The second woe is past; behold, the third woe 14

cometh quickly.

Dan. ii. 44. Dan. vii. 14.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there 15 followed loud voices in heaven, saying,

The kingdom of the world Has become the kingdom of our LORD.

And of His Christ:

And He shall reign for ever.

Psa. ii. 1. Psa. ii. 5. Psa. xlvi. 6.

Dan. vii. 10.

Dan. vii. 22. Psa. cxv. 13.

Dan. xi. 44.

Rev. iv. 4.

And the four and twenty elders who sit before 16 God on their thrones, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give Thee thanks, 17 O LORD GOD, the Almighty, who art, and wast: because Thou hast taken Thy great power, and didst reign. And the nations were angry, and 18 Thy wrath came, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged; and that Thou shouldest give their reward to Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints and those who fear Thy name, the small and the great; and shouldest destroy those who destroy the earth.

And the sanctuary of God was opened in 19 heaven, and there appeared in His sanctuary the ark of His covenant; and there followed lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an

earthquake, and great hail.

Mic. iv. 9. (Isa. lxvi. 7. )

AND there appeared a great sign in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; and she being with child cried out,

travailing in birth, and in agony to bring forth.

And there appeared another sign in heaven; Dan. vii. 7. and, behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven

4 diadems. And his tail drew the third part of Dan. viii. 10. the stars of the heavens, and cast them to the earth; and the dragon stood before the woman who was about to be delivered, to devour her

5 child as soon as she was delivered. And she | Isa. lxvi. 7. brought forth a man-child, who is to rule all the | Psa. ii. 10. nations with a rod of iron; and her child was

6 caught up to God and to His throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath Dan. vii. 25. a place prepared by God, that there, for one thousand two hundred and sixty days, they may

nourish her.

And there arose a war in heaven, Michael and [ Dan. x. 13. his angels warring against the dragon; and the 8 dragon and his angels made war and prevailed not; neither was their place found any longer in 9 heaven. And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, who deceiveth the whole world; he was cast down unto the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

Dan. x. 21. Dan. xii, 1.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven. Rev. xi. 15. Now have come the salvation and the power And the kingdom of our God, And the authority of His Christ; For the accuser of our brethren is cast down. Who accuseth them before God day and

And they overcame him because of the blood Rom. viii. 33. 11 of the Lamb. And because of the word of their testimony;

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And, even unto death, they loved not their Therefore rejoice, O heaven,

Psa. xcvi. 11.

And ve who dwell therein! Alas for the inhabitants of the earth And of the sea! For the devil has come down to you, Having great wrath

Because he knoweth that he hath but a short season.

Dan. vii. 25. Dan. xii. 7.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast 13 unto the earth, he persecuted the woman who had brought forth the man-child. And to 14 the woman were given the two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly from the place of the serpent into the wilderness, into her place, where she is to be nourished for a time and times and half a time. And the serpent cast out of his 15 mouth after the woman water like a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and 16 the earth opened her mouth and swallowed the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and 17 went away to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus. And he stood upon the sand of the sea.

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Gen. iii. 15.

Dan. vii. 3.

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Dan. vii. 5.

Rev. xvii. 14.

Dan. vii. 8. Dan. vii. 25.

Dan. viii. 10. Dan. viii. 24. Dan. v. 19. Dan. ii. 37. AND I saw a beast rise out of the sea; it had ten horns, and seven heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, and upon its heads names of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and its feet were like the feet of a bear, and its mouth was like the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave it his power, and his throne, and great authority. And I saw one of its heads as it were mortally wounded; and its mortal wound was healed; and the whole earth wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like the beast? and who is able to make war against it?

And there was given to it a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and authority was given to it to do its works during forty-two months. And the beast opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, even those who have their tabernacle in heaven. And it was permitted to make war against the saints and to overcome them; and to it was given authority over every kindred and people and tongue and

nation.

And all who dwell upon the earth will worship the beast, every one whose name has not been written, from the foundation of the world, in the Book of Life of the Lamb which hath been

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If any one hath an ear, let him hear. any one is for captivity, into captivity he goeth; if any one shall kill with the sword, he must be 1 Gen. ix. 6. killed with the sword. Here are shown the patience and faith of the saints.

) Isa. xiv. 2.

AND I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; it had two horns like those of a lamb, and

12 it spoke as a dragon. And it exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and causeth the earth and those who dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was

And it worketh great signs, so that it Matt. xxiv. 24. maketh fire come down from the heavens to the

14 earth in the presence of men; and by means of Dan. iii. those signs which it was given power to do in the presence of the beast, it deceiveth those who dwell on the earth; saying to them, that they should make an image to the beast which hath

the wound by a sword, yet lived. And it was permitted to give breath to the Rev. xvi. 2.

image of this beast, that the image should both speak, and cause that as many as would not 16 worship it should be killed. And it caused all, small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,

to receive a mark on their right hands, or on 17 their foreheads; and that no one might buy or Rev. xv. 2. sell, except him who has the mark—the name of

the beast or the number of its name. Here is seen wisdom. Let him who hath

understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and its number is six hundred and sixty-six.

AND I saw, and, behold, the Lamb stood on Psa. ii. 6. mount Zion, and with him a hundred and fortyfour thousand, having his name and the name

2 of his Father written on their foreheads. I heard a sound from heaven, like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of loud thunder; and the sound which I heard was as of harpers 3 harping with their harps; and they sing a new

And Rev. xix. 6.

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Psa. xxxii. 2.

2 Sam. xxiii. 5. Matt. iv. 16.

Rev. xv. 4.

Isa. xxi. 9. Jer. li. 8. Dan. iv. 27.

Isa. li. 22. Jer. xxv. 15.

Isa. xxxiv. 10.

1 Thess. iv. 14.

Dan. vii. 13. { Isa. xix. 1. }

song before the throne, and before the four living beings and the elders; and no one could learn that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand who were purchased from the earth. These are they who were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were purchased from among men, as firstfruits unto Gop and the Lamb. And in their mouths was found no lie; they are without spot.

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And I saw another angel flying in mid-heaven, having an everlasting gospel to preach to those who are sitting upon the earth, even to every nation and kindred and tongue and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heavens, and the earth and sea, and fountains of waters.

And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen has Babylon the great! she who made all the nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

And another, a third angel, followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worships the beast and its image, and receives its mark on his forehead or on his hand, he shall drink of 10 the wine of the wrath of God which is mingled untempered in the cup of His indignation, and shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of the torment 11 of these men ascendeth for ever; and they who worship the beast and its image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of its name, have no rest day or night.

Here is the patience of the saints, who keep 12 the commandments of GoD and the faith of Tesus.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 13 Write. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth! Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; for their works follow with them.

AND I saw, and behold, a white cloud, and 14 upon the cloud one sitting like unto a son of

man, having on his head a golden crown, and in 15 his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel Joel iii. 13. came out of the sanctuary, crying with a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, Send out thy sickle, and reap; for the time has come 16 to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he who sat on the cloud cast his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

And another angel came out of the sanctuary which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel came out from the altar, he Rev. xiv. 15. who hath authority over fire; and he cried in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, Send out thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes

19 are fully ripe. And the angel cast his sickle [ Joel iii. 13. 13] Thorse the clusters of the [sa. lxiii. 3. unto the earth, and gathered the clusters of the vine of the earth, and cast them into the great

20 winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden outside the city; and out of Heb. xiii. 11. the winepress came forth blood, as high as the horses' bits, for a thousand six hundred furlongs.

AND I saw in heaven another sign, great and marvellous, seven angels having the last seven plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of 2 God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass, min- Eze. xi. 22. gled with fire; and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from its image

and from the number of its name, standing by 3 the sea of glass, having harps of God. And they Ex. xv. 1. sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

Great and marvellous are Thy works, LORD GOD, the Almighty; Just and true are Thy ways. Thou King of the nations (a).

Who will not fear, O LORD, And glorify Thy name? For Thou only art holy;

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For all the nations will come and worship before Thee;

For Thy judgments are made manifest.

(a) Or ages, or saints.

} Jer. x. 7. } Psa. lxxxvi. o.

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Rev. xi. 10.

And afterwards I saw, and the sanctuary of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened; and out of the sanctuary there came, clothed in pure shining linen, and girt about their breasts with golden girdles, the seven angels who have the seven plagues. And one of the four living beings gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of Gop who liveth for ever. And the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of Gop, and from His power; and no one was able to enter the sanctuary, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were ended.

And I heard a loud voice out of the sanctuary.

AND I heard a loud voice out of the sanctuary saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out upon the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God.

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AND the first departed, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and there came a noisome and grievous sore upon the men who had the mark of the beast, and upon those who worshipped its image.

AND the second poured out his bowl into the sea; and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature, the things which were in the sea, died.

And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the fountains of the waters; and it became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, Thou who art and wast, the Holy One, because Thou judgest us. For they shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; they are worthy! And I heard the altar saying, Even so, LORD GOD, the Almighty, true and righteous are Thy judgments.

And the fourth poured out his bowl on the sun; and to him it was given to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, who hath the authority over these plagues; and they repented not, to give Him glory.

AND the fifth poured out his bowl on the 10 throne of the beast; and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues

Ex. vii. 19.

Eze. x. 2. Ex. ix. 10.

Ex. vii. 21. Eze. xvi. 38.

Dan. v. 22.

Ex. x. 22.

11 through pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they repented not of their deeds.

AND the sixth poured out his bowl upon the {Isa. xi. 15. great river Euphrates; and the water thereof { Jer. l. 38. I 2 was dried up, that the way of the kings from the

13 sunrising might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast.

14 and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For Zeph. iii. 8. they are spirits of devils, working signs; and Joel iii. 2. they go forth to the kings of the whole world. to gather them to the war of the great day of

15 God the Almighty; (Behold, I come as doth a Zec. xiv. 2. thief; blessed is he who watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and men see 16 his shame); and they brought them together into

the place called in Hebrew, Har-magedon.

And the seventh poured out his bowl on the Rev. xxi. 6. air: and there came a loud voice out of the sanctuary, from the throne, saying, It is done! 18 And there came lightnings and voices and thun-

derings; and there came a great earthquake, such that there came not, since a man came upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. 10 And the great city was divided into three parts, Isa. li. 17.

and the cities of the nations fell; and great Babylon was remembered in the sight of God. that He might give her the cup of the wine of the 20 fierceness of His wrath. And every island fled

21 away, and the mountains were not found. And out of the heavens there fell upon men a great Ex. ix. 24. hail, each stone nearly a hundredweight; and Ex. ix. 34. men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceedingly great.

AND one of the seven angels who had the Jer. li. 13. seven bowls came and talked with me, saying, Come hither; I will show thee the judgment of

the great harlot who sitteth upon many waters;

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2 with whom the kings of the earth committed Jer. li. 7. fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Rev. xi. 10.

Eze. x. 7.

And afterwards I saw, and the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was the tabernacle of the sanctuary there came, opened; and out of the sanctuary there came, of their opened; and out of the sanctuary there came, of their opened of the sanctuary there came, of their opened of the sanctuary there came, of their opened of the sanctuary there came, of their opened of the sanctuary there came, of their opened of the sanctuary there came, of the sanctuary the sanctuar opened; and out of the sanctuary clothed in pure shining linen, and girt about had not of clothed in pure shining linen, ard girt about had said the seven of said the seven of the said the seven of the said the seven of the said the said the seven of the said the clothed in pure shining linen, and gar seven in sixth their breasts with golden girdles, the seven blagues. And one of the seven plagues. their breasts with golden groups, and one of the Europe gave to the seven angels who have the seven and the seven angels who have the seven angels who have the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven angels who have the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven and the seven angels who have the seven and the seven an angels who have the seven plagues, that the four living beings gave to the seven angels who have the seven angels who have the seven angels who have the seven plagues. The have been angels who have the seven plagues. the four living beings gave to the seven who might be seven golden bowls full of the wrath of Gop who who will be seven golden bowls full of the wrath of Gop who who will be seven golden bowls full of the wrath of Gop who who will be seven golden bowls full of the wrath of Gop who who will be seven golden bowls full of the wrath of Gop who who will be seven golden bowls full of the wrath of seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God was fille wints like liveth for ever. And the sanctuary was fille won, and from H with smoke from the glory of God, and from H with smoke from the glory of God, and from H with the mount of the m with smoke from the glory of God, and the mount was able to enter the sate the mount of the mount of the seven ang bridge of t power; and no one was able to enter the power; and no one was able to enter the seven ang orth to the tarry, till the seven plagues of the seven ang orth to the sanctu

Eze. x. 4. Isa. vi. 4. 1 Kings viii. 11

power; and not the seven plagues of the seven were ended. were ended.

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Eze. x. 2. Ex. ix. 10.

rath of God.

And the first departed, and poured out the earth; and there came a no AND the first departed, and pour a house who has sore upon the men who has those who bowl into the earth; and there came and grievous sore upon the men who had and grievous sore upon those who and grievous sore upon the men mark of the beast, and upon those who

Ex. vii. 10.

Ex. vii. 21.

sea; and it became blood as of a dead ma every living creature, the things which the sea, died.

Eze. xvi. 38.

And the third poured out his bowl rivers and the fountains of the waters became blood. And I heard the ang waters say, Thou art righteous, Thou and wast, the Holy One, because Tho us. For they shed the blood of s prophets, and Thou hast given then drink; they are worthy! And I altar saying, Even so, LORD GOD, the true and righteous are Thy judgmen

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AND the fourth pour nt his b sun: and to him it fire. And men

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Ex. x. 22.

Dan. v. 22.

REVELATIONthrough pain, and blasphemed the Gop of heaven because of their pains and their sorres and their because of their pains and their sores; and they 16. 11-17:2 repented not of their deeds.

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Dan. vii. 7.

So he carried me away in spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet-coloured beast, which was full of names of blasphemy, and had seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, and had in her hand a golden cup full of abominations, even the unclean things of her fornication; and upon her forehead was a name

2 Thess. ii. 7.

Ier. li. 7.

written, a mystery,

## BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND ABOMI-NATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Rev. xvi. 6.

And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I wondered with a great wonder.

Dan. vii. 11.

And the angel said to me, Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast which carrieth her. which hath the seven heads and the ten horns. The beast which thou sawest was, and is not; and will ascend out of the abyss, and goeth unto

Rev. xiii. 8.

destruction; and those who dwell on the earth, whose names have not been written from the foundation of the world upon the Book of Life. will wonder when they behold the beast, that it was, and is not, and will come. Here is seen the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are

Rev. xiii. 1.

seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And they are seven kings; the five have fallen, 10 the one is, the other has not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a little while. And the beast which was, and is not, is, more- 11

Dan. vii. 20. }

over, itself eighth, and is from the seven, and goeth unto destruction. And the ten horns 12 which thou sawest are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet; but receive authority as kings for one hour, with the beast. These 13

Dan. viii. 25.

have one mind, and give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with 14 the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them; 18

for he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with him are called, and chosen. and faithful And he said to me, The waters which thou JIsa. viii. 7. sawest, where the harlot sitteth, are peoples and Jer. xlvii. 2. 16 multitudes, and nations and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest and the beast, these will hate the harlot, and will make her desolate and naked, and will devour her flesh and burn her 17 with fire. For God put into their hearts to do Acts iv. 27. His mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of 18 God shall be accomplished. And the woman Rev. xvi. 19. whom thou didst see is the great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth. AFTER these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority; and Isa. xxi. 9. Jer. li. 8. Jer. xiii. 21. 2 the earth was lighted up by his glory. And he cried out with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen, has Babylon the great, And has become a habitation of evil spirits, And a hold of every foul spirit, And a hold of every unclean and hateful bird. For all the nations have drunk from the 3 wine -Of the wrath of her fornication: And the kings of the earth committed forni- Neh. iii. 4. cation with her: And the merchants of the earth became rich Through the power of her wantonness. Isa. lii. 11. Jer. l. 8. Jer. li. 6. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, Jer. li. 9. That ye be not partakers of her sins, And that we receive not of her plagues. For her sins clave together, even unto the 5 heavens: And God remembered her unrighteous Render to her even as she rendered,
And double ye the double according to her

{ Jer. l. 15.
Jer. l. 29.
Psa. cxxxvii. 8. 6

In the cup which she mingled Mingle to her double.

Isa. xlvii. 7. } As much as she glorified herself. Jer. l. 31. And lived wantonly, So much torment and sorrow give her: For in her heart she saith. I sit a queen, and am no widow. And shall in no wise see sorrow; Therefore her plagues shall come in one day. Death, and mourning, and famine; And she shall be utterly burnt with fire; For strong is the LORD GOD who judged her. Psa. lxii. 11. Eze. xxvi. 16. And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and lived wantonly with her, will weep; and when they shall see the smoke of her burning, as they stand afar off for fear of her 10 Rev. xvii. 10. torment, they will lament over her, saying, Alas, alas, the great city Babylon, Eze. xxvii. 2. The mighty city! For in one hour thy judgment has come. And the merchants of the earth weep and II mourn over her; for no one buyeth their freight Rev. xvii. 4. any more; freight of gold, and silver, and 12 precious stone, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and every sweetscented wood, and all manner of vessels of ivory: and all manner of vessels of most precious wood and brass and iron and marble: and 13 cinnamon, and spice, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and freight of horses and of chariots and of slaves; and souls of men. And the fruits which thy 14 Eze, xxvii, 13. soul longed after departed from thee, and all the dainty and the goodly things perished from thee. And men will find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, who were made 15 rich by her, will stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, saying, τ6 Alas, alas, the great city, Which was clothed in fine linen and purple Luke xvi. 10. and scarlet. And decked in gold and precious stone and For in one hour riches so great have come to 17 Isa, xxiii, 14.

naught.

Isa. xxiv. 8.

Jer. vii. 34.

Isa. xxiii. 8.

And every shipmaster (a), and every one who saileth to a place, and seamen, and as many as Isa. xxxiv. 10.

18 trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried out as they beheld the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like the great city!

o And they cast dust on their heads, and were Josh. vii. 6. crying out, weeping and wailing, saying, Job ii. 12.

Alas, alas, the great city,

Wherein all who had their ships at sea Grew rich by reason of her costliness! For in one hour she is made desolate:—

Rejoice over her, O Heaven,
And ye the saints and the apostles and the Jer. li. 48.

prophets;
For, with her judgment upon you,

God hath judged her.

AND a mighty angel took up a stone like a Jer. li. 63. great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence will Babylon, the great city,

be thrown down!

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And she will be found no more at all.

And sound of harpers and musicians

And flute-players and trumpeters
Will be heard in thee no more at all;
And craftsman.

Of whatever craft.

Will be found in thee no more at all;
And sound of millstone

Will be heard in thee no more at all; And light of lamp

Will shine in thee no more at all;

And voice of bridegroom and bride

Will be heard in thee no more at all; For thy merchants

Were the great men of the earth; For by thy sorcery all the nations were deceived.

24 And in her was found blood of prophets and of Jer. li. 49. saints and of all who have been slain upon the earth.

19 r AFTER these things I heard as it were a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, of those Rev. xvi. 7. who say,

(a) Or pilot.

## REVELATION

Deut. xxxii. 4. Deut. xxxii. 43.	Hallelujah! The salvation, and the glory, and the power Belong to our Goo; For true and righteous are His judgments; For He judged the great harlot Who corrupted the earth with her fornication; And He wrung vengeance from her hand for	2
Isa. xxxiv. 10.	the blood of His servants.  And a second time they have said, Hallelujah!  And her smoke goeth up for ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four living beings fell	3
Psa. cxxxv. 1. Psa. cxxxv. 20.	down and worshipped God who sitteth on the throne; and they said, Amen, Hallelujah! And a voice came forth from the throne, saying,  Praise our God, all ye His servants,	5
Psa. xcvii. 1. Psa. xcvii. 12.	Ye who fear Him, The small and the great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying,	6
	Hallelujah! For the LORD our God, the Almighty,	
Matt. xxv. 6.	reigneth! Let us rejoice and be glad, And we will give the glory to Him; Por the marriage of the Lamb came,	7
Psa. xlv. 14. { Isa. lxi. 10. }	And his bride made herself ready; And to her was granted to array herself In fine linen, Shining, pure; For the fine linen	8
Rev. xxii. 8.	Is the righteous deeds of the saints.  And he said to me, Write, Blessed are those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said to me, See that thou do it not; I am a fellow-servant with thee, and	9
	with thy brethren who have the testimony of Jesus; worship God; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.	

AND I saw heaven opened, and, behold, a 11 white horse, and sitting thereon he who is called

Faithful and True; and in righteousness he 12 judgeth and maketh war. His eyes are a flame Dan. x. 6. of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he hath a name written, which none but him-13 self knoweth. And he is arrayed in a garment Isa. lxiii. 1.

dipped in blood; and he has been named The John i. r. 14 Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and pure,

15 were following him upon white horses. And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he may smite the nations; and he will rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth

2 Sam. i. 15. Isa. lxiii. 3.

the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of 16 God the Almighty. And he hath on his garment and on his thigh a name written,

## KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

And in the sun I saw an angel standing; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds Isa. xxxiv. 6. which fly in mid-heaven, Come, gather your- Eze. xxxix. 17. 18 selves together to the great supper of GoD; that ve may eat flesh of kings, and flesh of captains, and flesh of mighty men, and flesh of horses, and of those who sit on them, and flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great.

earth, and their armies gathered together to make the war against him who sat on the horse, 20 and against his army. And the beast was [Isa. xxx. 33. caught, and with him the false prophet who in his presence wrought the signs with which he deceived those who accepted the mark of the beast, and those who worshipped his image.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the Psa. ii. 2.

Dan. vii. 11. Dan. vii. 26.

These two were cast alive into the lake of fire, 21 which burneth with brimstone. And the rem- Rev. xix. 17. nant were slain with the sword of him who sat upon the horse, which sword went forth out of his mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

AND I saw an angel coming down from heaven, Rev. i. 18. holding the key of the abyss, and, across his 2 hand, a great chain. And he laid hold on the 2 Pet. ii. 4. dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and

Dan. vi. 17.

Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and locked and sealed it above him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be finished; after that he must be loosed for a little while.

Dan. vii. 22.

And I saw thrones, and some sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and whosoever had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark upon their foreheads and upon their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who hath part in the first resurrection; on these the second death hath no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with him the thousand years.

Isa. lxi. 6.

Eze. xxxviii. 2.

Eze. xxxix. 1.

Rev. xix. 20.

2 Pet. iii. 10.

Dan. vii. 10.

Dan. vii. 10.

And when the thousand years are finished, 7 Satan will be loosed out of his prison, and will 8 go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war; the number of them being as the sand of the sea. And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and encompassed the camp of the saints and the beloved city; and fire came down out of heaven, and devoured them. And the Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast also and the false prophet are; and they will be tormented day and night for ever.

AND I saw a great white throne, and Him II who sitteth on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, the great 12

and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life; and the dead were judged according to their works, out of the things that had been written in the books. And 13

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the sea gave up the dead who were in it; and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them; and they were judged each man

14 according to his works. And Death and Hades Hos, xiii, 14. were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second

15 death, the lake of fire. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

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I AND I saw new heavens and a new earth; for Isa. lxv. 17. the first heavens and the first earth passed away; 2 and no longer is there the sea. And I saw the

holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from Goo, prepared as a bride adorned 3 for her husband. And I heard a loud voice out

of the throne, saying,

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, Eze. xxxvii. 27. And He will dwell with them,

And they will be His people,

And God Himself will be with them,

And will wipe away every tear from their Isa. xxv. 8. eves:

And there will be death no longer, Neither will there any longer be Mourning, or crying, or pain; For the first things passed away.

Isa. lxv. 10.

5 And He who sitteth upon the throne said, Isa xliii. 10. Behold, I make all things new. And He said,

Write; for these words are faithful and true.

6 And He said to me, They have come to pass! I Isa lv. 1. am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is athirst I will give 7 of the fountain of the Water of Life freely.

who overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be to him, God, and he shall be to Me a

8 son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and Luke xii. 4. abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

And there came one of the seven angels who Rev. xv. 1. had the seven bowls, they who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride,

the Lamb's wife.

Eze. xl. 2.

And he carried me away in spirit to a great 10 and lofty mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven, from God, having the glory of God. Its light-giver 11 is like a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, shining like crystal; it hath a wall great 12 and high; it hath twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel; on the east three gates, and on the 13

Eze. xlviii. 31.

north three gates, and on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the 14 city hath twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Eph. ii. 20.

And he who talked with me had a measure, a 15 golden reed, that he might measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the 16 city lieth in a square, and its length is as great as the breadth; and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred 17 and forty-four cubits, according to the measure

Zec. ii. 1. Ezc. xl. 3.

of a man, that is, of an angel.

And its wall is built of jasper; and the city is 18

Isa. liv. 11. Eze. xlviii. 35. pure gold, gold like pure glass. The foundations 19 of the wall of the city are garnished with all manner of precious stones—the first foundation, jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sar-20 donyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. And the twelve gates are twelve 21 pearls; each of the gates is of one pearl; and the street of the city is pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Isa. xl. 19.

And I saw in it no sanctuary; for the LORD 22 God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are its sanctuary. And the city hath no need of the sun or 23 of the moon that they should shine on it; for the glory of God enlightened it, and the Lamb is the lamp thereof.

Isa. lx. 3. Isa. lx. 11. Isa. lx. 20. And the nations will walk by the light of it; 24 and the kings of the earth are bringing into it

25 their glory. And its gates will not be shut at all by day; for there will be no night there.

26 And they will bring into it the glory and the Isa, lii, I.

27 honour of the nations. And there shall in no wise enter it anything unclean, neither he who worketh abomination and a lie; those only shall enter who have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Zec. xiv. 8. Eze. xlvii. 1.

bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne 2 of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the (Eze. xivii. 7. street of the city, and on each side of the river, is a Tree of Life, bearing twelve fruits; yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

And he showed me a river of water of life,

And there will be no more curse; but the Zec. xiv. 11. throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it; and

4 His servants will serve Him; and they will see

His face; and His name will be on their fore-And there will be night no longer; and | Isa. xxiv. 23. they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the LORD GOD will give light upon them; and they will reign for ever.

AND he said to me, These words are faithful Rev. i. 1. and true; and the LORD, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His servants the things which must shortly come to

7 pass. And, lo, I am coming quickly. Blessed Rev. xxii. 10. is he who keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

And I John saw and heard these things. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me o these things. Then he said to me, See that thou do it not; I am a fellow-servant with thee, and with thy brethren the prophets, and with those who keep the savings of this book; worship

l Dan. xii. 4.

God. And he said to me, Seal not the sayings of the \ Dan. viii. 26. 10 11 prophecy of this book; the time is at hand. who is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still; and he who is filthy, let him be made filthy still; and he who is righteous, let him work righteousness still; and he who is holy, let him be made holy still.

Isa. xli. 4.  Isa. xliv. 6.  Work is. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the 13  First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.  Blessed are those who wash their robes (a), that 14  they may have the authority over the Tree of Life, and may enter the city through the gates.  Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers, and the 15  fornicators and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one loving and making a lie.  Isa. xi. 1.   Isa. xi. 10.	Isa. xl. 10.	LO! I AM COMING quickly; and my reward is with me, to render to each according as his	12
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(a) Some MSS. have "those who do his commandments."

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